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Leading OFF



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OXNARD, CA – Jerry Jones is clearly in no hurry.

Why has it taken so long to strike a deal with Micah Parsons?

“It took a long time with Emmitt Smith,” the Dallas Cowboys owner replied, turning back the clock to the Hall of Fame running back’s epic holdout in 1993. “Same thing with (Zack) Martin two years ago. (Cee Dee) Lamb last year. When you have the ability for players under contract to basically renegotiate or say, ‘I’m not going to play the contract,’ then you have those things happen.”

Here’s what else can happen: Parsons, the All-Pro defensive end, rocked the NFL universe on Aug. 1 when he took to social media to publicly demand a trade, intimating that negotiations for a new contract have stalled to the point of no return.

Two days before Parsons’ bombshell, though, Jones seemed to have already drawn a line in the sand during an interview with USA TODAY Sports that might have indicated where these negotiations with the defensive centerpiece could be headed.

He mentioned that Dak Prescott, who last year became the NFL’s first \$60 million per year man, played out his rookie contract and was twice franchise-tagged before landing his four-year, \$240 million megadeal. And he referenced the two franchise tags the team used on since-departed defensive end Demarcus Lawrence before he signed a five-year, \$105 million deal in 2019.

“Both of those players, they played their contract out,” Jones said. “To me, you’re going through a process where a player wants to see if they can get an extended contract. And if they don’t, they play their contract out.”

It should also be noted that Lamb, the star receiver, didn’t play out his contract or get franchise-tagged before landing a four-year, \$136 million extension that averaged \$34 million.

But Lamb also forced the issue by



“When you have the ability for players under contract to basically renegotiate ... you have those things happen,” Jerry Jones says.

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holding out of training camp last year.

Parsons seemingly gave up leverage by reporting to camp and proceeding as a so-called “hold-in” while not practicing. The Cowboys exercised the fifth-year option on Parsons’ rookie contract, which guarantees a \$24.007 million salary for 2025 and a huge bump from the \$4.269 million for the first four years of his deal.

With the Cowboys yet to negotiate with Parson’s agent, David Mulugheta, the frustration is boiling over. Parsons is reportedly seeking a deal that could reset the market again for defensive stars after T.J. Watt’s package with the Pittsburgh Steelers averages \$41 million per year, which tops the \$40 million average that Cleveland Browns defensive end Myles Garrett received earlier in the off-season.

Yet with the franchise tag in play, the option for Parsons to merely “play out” his contract, as Jones suggested, could allow the Cowboys to prevent him from becoming an unrestricted free agent until, gulp, 2028.

“This business is business-first, right?” Prescott said during an interview with USA TODAY Sports. “We always say this game is a business, but it’s business first.”

While Prescott and other players vehemently support Parsons in his efforts to land a new deal, it can’t be good for the business of winning to have the dis-

traction weighing on training camp. No, the Cowboys are not the only NFL team with a lingering contract issue for a key player. But some teams manage such business with much less drama, while the Cowboys always seem to have some drama in the wind.

As for Parsons’ trade request, Jones, speaking to reporters at camp Aug. 2, had a message for Cowboys fans: “Don’t lose any sleep over it.”

In other words, Jones seems willing to call Parsons’ bluff – and quite content to keep the drama flowing.

“This is really nothing new, at all, with Micah,” Jones said at one point during the 1-hour, 10-minute interview over lunch in his training camp office.

I asked him about the negative reaction from his massive fan base, which goes far beyond the fans at camp who chanted “Pay Micah!” The extended negotiations over the past two years involving Prescott, Lamb and Martin added to the perception that the Cowboys lack urgency when it comes to signing key players to extensions.

“Let me say this just right,” Jones replied. “I wouldn’t be doing my job if I didn’t do it that way. I should be trying to get the most value for the Cowboys. I’ve seen players I wish we had renegotiated their contracts earlier and I’ve had several that I was sorry I renegotiated their contract earlier. The idea that if you wait there’s more money (spent) forgets that

in between that wait, you get to evaluate and you frankly get to see if you’re dealing with the same physical elements of it.

“It’s almost akin to an option quarterback,” he said. “He can step out, he can either hand it to that guy going down the line, or he can come on out and keep it, or he can pitch it. Three different things. The longer you give him to get to the sideline, the better chance you’ve got to make the better play.”

“So, I’ve never, in any way, forgotten all the things that can happen to you if you go too quick. And that list of going too quick is just as long as the negative of getting it done early every time.”

That we’re talking about Parsons, who is just the second player in NFL history (the first was the legendary Reggie White) to notch at least 12 sacks in his first four seasons, doesn’t move Jones off his point.

Jones thinks, as the NFL’s most powerful owner and essential player in driving the league’s media rights deals and labor pacts, that he’s more “in the weeds,” as he put it, with the league’s revenue. And with Jones’ marketing, the Cowboys have long been the NFL’s most valuable franchise, last year becoming the first \$10 billion sports franchise in the annual Forbes rankings.

“Nobody could possibly have the feel for whether to go early on him or wait,” Jones said, alluding to revenue and salary cap projections.

Of course, skeptics and championship-starved Cowboys fans alike counter the financials with the football bottom line. The Cowboys, for all of their sustained popularity, have a 29-year drought since last appearing in a Super Bowl.

Jones mentioned the Smith holdout from a generation ago. Smith missed the first two games in 1993, and the defending Super Bowl champions started 0-2 without their MVP.

After Charles Haley planted a helmet into a locker room wall near Jones following the Week 2 loss to the Buffalo Bills, Smith’s contract talks suddenly heated up. And it ended well. Smith got his new contract and it sparked the Cowboys to a repeat Super Bowl crown.

Ah, the drama with the Cowboys. Yet that was then. And this is now.

MLB SPEEDWAY CLASSIC

Bristol shined alongside historic jewel game

Joe Mock

Special to USA TODAY Sports

BRISTOL, TN – This town of 28,000 year-round residents is typically a little on the sleepy side. When NASCAR comes to Bristol Motor Speedway two weekends a year, the place explodes with visitors from every corner of the country.

This weekend, though, the explosion in visitors was due to a once-in-a-lifetime event sponsored by a different sport.

Major League Baseball partnered with the racetrack to present the MLB Speedway Classic, as the Cincinnati Reds fell to the Atlanta Braves 4-2 after two lengthy rain delays Aug. 2 pushed the remainder of the game to the next afternoon. Not only did it mark the first regular-season game played in the state of Tennessee, it set the sport's all-time attendance record, as 91,032 baseball and racing fans bought tickets to the contest.

Far fewer than that number were in their seats Aug. 3 to witness this bit of history, as many were unable to return for the final eight innings of the suspended contest. The record stands because attendance is determined by the number of tickets sold.

Some of the reserved-seating sections in the massive grandstand were over 900 feet from home plate, but even from those distant bleachers, it was obvious that the star of this game was Eli White of the Braves. He provided all of his team's horsepower with a pair of home runs onto the racetrack's straightaway beyond left field.

Fans and social media had plenty of criticism of the Speedway Classic, especially after the Aug. 2 missteps – which included concession stands running out of food as fans remained at the racetrack longer than expected (there was even less food available the next day). So while this event might not go down in history as the most beloved “jewel” event, there were plenty of lessons to be learned from this soggy affair:

Bringing a big event to this part of the country is risky with rain

Even before the two rain delays and



The baseball field at Bristol Motor Speedway ANGELINA ALCANTA/KNOXVILLE (TENNESSEE) NEWS SENTINEL

the eventual suspension of the game Aug. 1, it was obvious that it was risky to bring a game here at this time of year.

Fans who spent the week here in Eastern Tennessee experienced rain – often in the form of a deluge – every day.

Give MLB credit, though, for scheduling an off day the next day for the two teams, just in case the contest was washed out on the scheduled date.

MLB keeps upping the ante with its “jewel” events

When MLB brought a regular-season game to Fort Bragg in North Carolina in 2016, there were no superstar concerts or celebrity sightings. Even the national anthem was sung by a soldier on active duty at the base. The event proved that MLB could pull off a game in truly unusual circumstances, including constructing a temporary ballpark. Since

then, there have been games in London, at the Little League World Series, the “Field of Dreams” movie site and the old Negro Leagues ballpark in Birmingham, Alabama. With each new event, MLB has sought to make a bigger impact. It doesn't get any bigger than Bristol Motor Speedway.

There is much more than just baseball

In addition to huge-name performing acts, fan zones, local food and numerous attractions, MLB always brings a charitable component to these jewel events. In addition to donating the artificial playing field from this game to nearby East Tennessee State University, MLB's Ambassador of PlayBall James Lowe (also known as “Coach Ballgame”) led a skills workshop for over 200 youth players on Aug. 1. “Our goal was to inject

joy and plain 'ol common sense in baseball, not a win-at-all-costs attitude toward the game,” Lowe says. “The kids really enjoyed it.”

Some players liked this break from the routine more than others

Reds manager Terry Francona implied that some of his troops were grumbling about interrupting their series in Cincinnati to come to Eastern Tennessee. “For one time a year, if it's good for the game, we need to put a smile on and do it,” he explains. Others welcomed the departure from their normal routine. Before the start of the game Aug. 2, Braves first baseman Matt Olson said he was looking forward to trying to hit a ball onto the racetrack: “That would be a first.” He added, “It's a really cool setup

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here. I just can't believe they did this just for one game."

Fans are crazy about these unique events

A look at the license plates in the massive parking lots surrounding the stadium shows fans came from all corners of the country. Trey Kelley of Cedartown, Georgia, says the draw of coming here "was the experience of getting to see baseball in a different place. Bristol is really a special venue."

Bristol Motor Speedway really knows what it's doing

A major difference between bringing the event here versus all of the other jewel-game locations is that MLB had to do all of the heavy lifting of organizing and communicating at those other sites. Here, there was already a full staff of PR and communications professionals. They handle all of the NASCAR events, and they are exceptional at their jobs. Most likely, had they been in charge of all of the organization of this event, it would've gone very well. They even bought pizzas for hungry media members stuck in their work area during the two rain delays late in the night of Aug. 2.

Did it make sense for MLB to come to a NASCAR track?

A criticism often heard when this game was announced a year ago is that it is, well, an odd choice on the heels of honoring the Negro Leagues in Birmingham last June. It's a bit much to consider it tone-deaf, because it appears that there was no connection between last year's jewel event and this one. Each year's location is selected independently from all previous games.

Playing in a venue with 160,000 seats allowed MLB to answer critics

If you look back at past jewel events, by far the biggest criticism from fans was their inability to buy seats due to the very small seating capacities. This event didn't sell out until earlier in the week, giving fans ample opportunity to buy as many tickets as they wanted, answering the critics. At Bristol, "we knew we could go really big," says Jeremiah



Braves outfielder Michael Harris II celebrates with the trophy after the MLB Speedway Classic at Bristol Motor Speedway on Aug. 3 in Bristol, Tennessee.

BRIANNA PACIORKA/KNOXVILLE NEWS SENTINEL

Yolkut, MLB's senior vice president of global events.

Gorgeous merchandise, but ridiculously priced

These events are heaven for souvenir collectors, and the creative use of racing graphics made the merchandise irresistible. The prices, to be honest, were ridiculous. I bought a shirt and a cap, and the total including tax was \$169. That is no way to treat fans.

The marriage of racing and baseball provided some endearing moments

Some great ideas grew out of the partnership of MLB and the speedway – and their sponsors. Chevy pickups brought the players around the track for pregame introductions. When batters struck out, the deafening roar of a rev-

ving engine blared from the PA speakers. Following both of White's homers, a pace car raced around the track. And puns proved to be as irresistible as the overpriced merchandise. After the final out in the bottom of the ninth, Braves radio announcer Ben Ingram exclaimed, "And it's the Braves who take the checkered flag." The Braves players were then presented with the Speedway Classic Cup, as if they'd just won a NASCAR race.

If this racetrack has 160,000 seats, why did MLB stop selling tickets when it hit 90,000?

For those who attended, it was obvious that wide swaths of the seating bowl simply couldn't see the playing field at all. The seats are great for racing, but not baseball, so there was no need to sell them. Those sections were covered with colorful tarps instead.

The Appalachian League matters

When Major League Baseball reduced the number of affiliated minor league teams from 160 to 120 four years ago, it wiped out leagues like the New York-Penn League and relegated circuits like the Pioneer League and Appalachian League to unaffiliated status.

But franchises in the Appy League lived on, thanks in part to entities like Boyd Sports that agreed to acquire half of the teams in this 10-team league.

The players are no longer pros supplied by big-league teams. Instead, they are college students, much like in the Cape Cod League.

And do the communities supporting the players and the players themselves believe that this league matters?

One look at the jubilation exhibited by the Bluefield Ridge Runners after the final out of the Appy League championship game Aug. 1 tells you all you need to know.

Even if there's no room for these teams in the affiliated world, the sport needs the Appy League.

"It's a special league. I'm sorry we don't have it for our young players anymore," observes Braves manager Brian Snitker, whose first games as a pro were for Kingsport in this league.

Despite what most people assume, playing here is a two-way street

This is the most important lesson. MLB emphasizes the fact that it prioritizes holding these jewel games in places where MLB has rarely or never been played.

However, after spending the week going to Appy League games and dining in local eateries, I came to the conclusion that it was more important for baseball fans from across the country to experience life here than for folks living here to experience Major League Baseball.

Locals who live around here are as genuine and welcoming as you'll ever encounter – and their sense of community is unmatched. The big win is allowing fans from all over to experience how these folks live, not that MLB brought the sport to them.

It would be great for MLB to continue this trend of bringing jewel games to places that benefit fans to visit.

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MLB TRADE DEADLINE AWARDS

Twins fueled a mind-boggling frenzy



Bob Nightengale
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It was ugly. Outrageous. Unfathomable. Disgraceful.

It was perhaps the most stunning and quickest fire sale in baseball history.

The Minnesota Twins, that lovable little team in the upper Midwest that once won two World Series titles in four years, with St. Paul producing four Hall of Fame ballplayers from the same neighborhood who played for the Twins, ripped out the heart of the franchise in less than 24 hours.

They traded 10 active major league players from their team, including 11 players off their 40-man roster, and saved \$26 million in one fell swoop.

They traded away All-Stars. They traded away a World Series champion. They traded away their team captain. They traded away their popular home-grown dude.

They traded away their soul.

The fire sale was so hideous that a bar in Mankato offered free drinks for anybody wearing Twins attire.

The promotion: "Free Drinks For All Twins Fans! Because this level of (expletive) requires alcohol."

While everyone in Minnesota has been imploring the Pohlad family to sell the team as quickly as possible, they didn't mean for the Pohlads to take it literally, selling off everything but the cup holders.

"The deadline was going to be a complete dud," one current general manager told USA TODAY Sports, "but what changed the entire deadline were the Twins selling. They said they were going to just trade players on expiring contracts. They were going to revisit the other stuff in the winter. Then, they started selling off everyone.

"I mean, no one expected them to do this. They had everyone going everywhere. The trade deadline wouldn't have been nearly this active without the Twins doing what they did."

The GM spoke to USA TODAY Sports on the condition of anonymity in order to freely analyze the trade deadline.



The Twins didn't trade pitcher Joe Ryan at the deadline. MATT KROHN/GETTY IMAGES

Houston Astros owner Jim Crane, who was golfing with Twins Hall of Famer Joe Mauer in Cooperstown, New York, during the Hall of Fame festivities, perhaps lit the first match in the fire sale in a casual conversation at the Leatherstocking Golf Course. He mentioned that they might try to pursue All-Star shortstop Carlos Correa, and with the Twins so deep in debt – about \$440 million with \$40 million in losses this year – that they may have no choice but to dump him.

Crane returned home and had Astros GM Dana Brown telephone the Twins to inquire if they would be willing to trade Correa and one of their outfielders to the Astros. Oh, and could they pick up about \$50 million of the remaining \$103 million on Correa's contract, too?

The Twins laughed and hung up.

When USA TODAY Sports contacted

Correa's agent, Scott Boras, to inquire whether Correa would waive his no-trade clause, he laughed, too. Correa loved Minnesota, he said. The Twins loved him. Besides, there was no way, he said, the Astros would take on that kind of money.

Correa's phone started to blow up with messages when USA TODAY Sports published a report the morning of July 30 that the Astros were interested in a possible reunion. He was completely caught by surprise and scoffed at the idea too. "That's nothing that's serious right now," he told reporters.

While some were dismissive of the idea, Crane refused to blink. He wanted to make sure the Twins understood the severity of their financial woes. The Twins are deep in debt. They are trying to sell the team for \$1.7 billion. The team will be more attractive to every suitor,

Crane said in talks with the Pohlad family, if their payroll was slashed. Correa's contract happened to be the biggest financial commitment.

The Pohlad family got back to Derek Falvey, Twins president of baseball operations. They suddenly were curious.

Correa, who left the game July 29 early with a migraine, suddenly felt good enough to sit down with Falvey. If the Twins indeed are rebuilding, he said, he'd waive his no-trade clause for a chance to get back to Houston.

Crane, realizing he suddenly had the Twins' attention, used his business acumen. The Astros kept hammering away at the Twins, and at one point even talked about Astros first baseman Christian Walker being part of the package.

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By midafternoon July 31, hours before the trade deadline, they got the Twins to swallow \$33 million that would be spread over the life of the contract.

Just like that, after originally offering Correa a five-year, \$160 million contract to remain in Houston after the 2021 season to avoid free agency, the Astros got him back for three-plus years at just \$70 million.

Finally, after watching his clients like Alex Bregman, Gerrit Cole and Correa depart Houston in free agency, Boras told Crane, "Jim, we finally have a deal."

The Twins' teardown jumped into high speed, and by the end of the day the only confusion was why All-Star pitcher Joe Ryan was still wearing a Minnesota uniform.

The Twins' fire sale was so ruthless that 27-year-old reliever Louie Varland, the hometown kid who absolutely loved being a Twin, making only \$8,150 more than the minimum salary and wasn't even eligible for salary arbitration for two more years, was dumped and sent to the Toronto Blue Jays with first baseman Ty France.

Varland was devastated, leaving Twins players seething and rival GMs dumbfounded as to why the Twins would trade a valuable reliever (2.02 ERA, 47 strikeouts in 49 innings) with five years of control. He was born and raised in St. Paul, with his wife and a family coming to virtually every home game. This is the way you treat him?

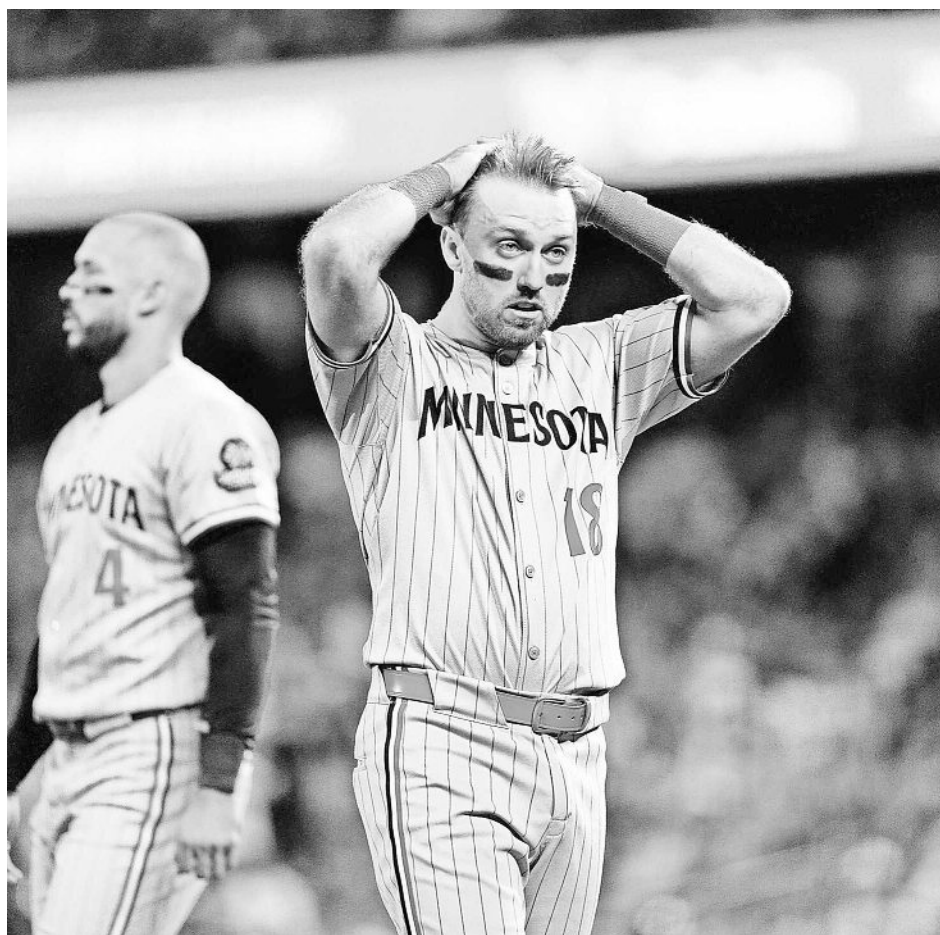
"By and large across the board, [these] were baseball trades, trades we felt we got real talent back," Falvey told reporters, "and were not geared toward the financial flexibility component to it."

Believe it or not, those words were uttered with a straight face.

Meanwhile, the Twins, who had to call up eight players from the minor leagues just to field a team Aug. 1, will play on. They've got no choice. Maybe they'll be a contender one day again. But for now, it's 34 years and counting since they've been to the World Series, and the only thing that can save them is for the Pohlada family to sell the team as quickly as possible.

Yet even when they finally are sold, the scars and memories from this dark day of July 31, 2025, will last for generations.

While the Twins certainly stole the trade show, let's present our 2025 trade deadline awards, with the assistance of GMs, executives and scouts.



Kody Clemens also is one of the Twins players who was not traded.

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Best difficult trade

The **Athletics** really had no intention of trading closer Mason Miller. He was their prized hometown product, a third-round pick in the 2021 draft. He was their All-Star. He was their most electric reliever in the game. And he was theirs through 2029.

Yet what good is it having a lights-out closer, striking out 13.85 batters per nine innings, when you don't have enough games to save?

The A's, wanting to make sure they have a powerful contender when they get to Las Vegas in 2028, had no choice but to accept the Padres' overwhelming offer: prized 18-year-old infielder Leo De Vries, and right-handed pitchers Braden Nett, Henry Barez and Eduarniel Nunez.

They were the Padres' No. 1, No. 3, No. 13 and No. 17 prospects.

"Ultimately, it took a player the caliber of De Vries to get our attention and get us to the negotiating table," A's GM David Forst told MLB.com. "In Mason's case, we knew it was going to take

something special. When the Padres suggested they were open to including Leo, that's kind of when this got serious."

Was it a smart move by the A's?

Most bang for their buck

Sure, no one did more than Padres GM A.J. Preller, but it cost him 17 prospects to get five players. But no one got more by giving up less than David Stearns of the **New York Mets**, rival GMs and executives overwhelmingly say. They acquired closer Ryan Helsley from the St. Louis Cardinals, setup man Tyler Rogers from the San Francisco Giants, reliever Gregory Soto and center fielder Cedric Mullins of the Baltimore Orioles, without touching their most prized prospect.

Least bang for their buck

The **Diamondbacks** thought they were going to clean up at the deadline with third baseman Eugenio Suárez, easily the best position player available,

along with first baseman Josh Naylor, starting pitchers Merrill Kelly and Zac Gallen, outfielder Randal Grichuk and reliever Shelby Miller.

Nope.

The best the Diamondbacks got in return was \$18 million in savings, thanks in part to the Milwaukee Brewers taking on part of Jordan Montgomery's salary as part of the Miller deal where the Brewers didn't send back one of manager Pat Murphy's pocket pancakes.

The overall return was ugly. The best prospect they received was only Mariners Triple-A first baseman Ryan Locklear, who couldn't crack the Seattle roster, along with a whole lot of questionable young arms. The pitcher with the highest upside is David Hagaman, 6-foot-4, who throws 98 mph but is only in Class A.

The D-backs were frustrated at the little interest shown in Suárez, despite his 36 homers and 87 RBIs. Once the Yankees pivoted to Ryan McMahon of the Rockies and the Cincinnati Reds grabbed Ke'Bryan Hayes, the market shrunk. It was a painful reminder of the little demand for position players at the deadline. As one GM said, all you have to do is look back to see the little return the Detroit Tigers received from the D-backs in 2017 to remind everyone that position players just aren't as attractive as relievers this time of year. It also didn't help, executives say, that Suárez is 34 years old and was nearly released a year ago.

The Diamondbacks barely even got a sniff for Gallen, who finished third in the Cy Young balloting two years ago. They were left with no choice but to keep him and will give him a qualifying offer to at least get a draft pick in return.

Finding money under the couch cushion

Jordan Montgomery, recovering from Tommy John surgery with the Diamondbacks, was stunned to find himself traded to Milwaukee when he hasn't thrown a pitch since spring training and is a free agent at the end of the season. Imagine everyone's surprise, too, when they learned he has a \$500,000 bonus for being traded.

Biggest tax break

Carlos Correa, playing for the Twins with a home in St. Paul, was residing in a

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state where the tax rate is 9.85%. He was traded to the Astros, where there are no state taxes in Texas. He just saved himself \$4.7 million, and even more, considering the American League West schedule features road games in Arlington.

Worst first impression

The **Yankees** overhauled their bullpen, bringing in three new shiny toys and featured them all in the first game after the trade deadline.

What happened?

Jake Bird (acquired from the Colorado Rockies) came in and gave up a grand slam. Dave Bednar (Pittsburgh Pirates) coughed up a lead. And Camilo Doval (San Francisco Giants) blew the save, with the Yankees losing 13-12 to the Marlins.

It was the first time since July 24, 1940, against the St. Louis Browns at Sportsman's Park that they scored 12 runs in a game and lost.

The three relievers combined to give up nine runs (seven earned) in 2.1 innings.

"It was definitely not an ideal start," Bednar told reporters, "by any means."

Oh, and for good measure, new addition Jose Caballero made a massive gaffe in the ninth inning when he ran past a routine ground ball in right field for a critical two-base error.

Best mulligan

The **Seattle Mariners** sent third baseman Eugenio Suárez to the Arizona Diamondbacks 20 months ago in a salary dump for Carlos Vargas and Seby Zavala, only to watch Suárez become one of the elite power-hitting third basemen in the game while they missed the post-season by one game. Their team's third basemen combined to hit just 12 homers and 49 RBIs while Suárez had 30 homers and 101 RBIs by himself. The Mariners traded back for him to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Biggest regret

In December, the Cardinals agreed to trade Gold Glove third baseman **Nolan Arenado** to the Houston Astros, but he exercised his no-trade clause. He had a chance to be traded to the Los Angeles Angels in January. He turned it down.

At the deadline, the Astros instead



The A's, wanting to ensure a powerful contender in Las Vegas, had no choice but to accept the Padres' great offer for Mason Miller. CHADD CADY/IMAGN IMAGES

turned to Correa, who waived his no-trade clause and came home.

That's twice Arenado has been thwarted by former Astros. First, it was Alex Bregman signing a free agent contract with the Boston Red Sox in February with Arenado being their backup plan, and now Correa, with Arenado the backup plan again.

Best trade that never happened

The **Cleveland Guardians** were planning to pull off a heist like the Athletics did in the Mason Miller trade by dealing closer Emanuel Clase, setting themselves up for a glorious future.

Oh, if only they had acted a month ago.

When MLB began investigating Guardians starter Luis Ortiz for potential gambling in at least two games that he pitched, Clase's name suddenly came up, too.

Now, instead of clearing out Clase's locker because of a trade, the Guardians cleared it out along with Ortiz's, fearing they may have thrown their final pitch in

MLB. They are on paid administrative leave through at least Aug. 31, and if found guilty will be banned for life from MLB.

Worst definition of full throttle

Remember when the **Red Sox** traded away Rafael Devers, saying they'll be better off with him and just you wait until they use those resources?

Well, the trade deadline came and went, and their only two moves were picking up starter Dustin May, who wasn't good enough to stay in the Dodgers rotation with his 5.95 ERA in eight starts, and swingman Steven Matz, who was yielding a 6.19 ERA in his last 12 appearances with the Cardinals.

Those hardly are the moves to inspire confidence for a team that was 59-51 at the deadline and sitting in second place in the wild-card race.

The last time the Red Sox had a winning record after the trade deadline?

It was 2018, the last time they won the World Series.

They fired GM Dave Dombrowski less

than a year later and haven't been the same since.

Most surprising miss

The **Dodgers** were badly trying to acquire Guardians outfielder Steven Kwan, believing he would be the perfect fit to replace Michael Conforto in left field. But after hours of negotiations, they were left empty-handed. The consolation prize was Nationals outfielder Alex Call.

Best quiet farewell

John Mozeliak, president of baseball operations for the Cardinals, made one last trade with 68 seconds to spare in his final trade deadline with St. Louis, sending reliever Phil Maton to the Rangers for two minor league pitchers. Mozeliak officially steps down after the season ends and will be replaced by former Red Sox GM Chaim Bloom.

Pump the brakes

Yes, it's true that the Padres traded one of baseball's best prospects when they sent shortstop **Leo De Vries** to the Athletics in the **Mason Miller** trade. But while De Vries, 18, certainly can hit, it's almost impossible to find a single talent evaluator who believes he will remain at shortstop, believing he'll be eventually moved to third base or first base.

A little courtesy, please

While social media can be a powerful and entertaining tool, and where agents leak 99% of the trades and free agent signings to reporters, it should not be the vehicle where players find out they are traded.

Pirates closer David Bednar found out on social media that he was being traded to the Yankees before getting a call from the Pirates front office.

The same scenario was about to happen in Baltimore when the Orioles swung a trade for Andrew Kittredge to the Chicago Cubs.

The trade was complete the night of July 30 when USA TODAY Sports notified Kittredge's agent, Brian Griep. He had no idea, and neither did Kittredge.

Griep immediately sent a text message to the Orioles. They confirmed the trade was consummated and it would be announced the next morning.

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The news, of course, was immediately leaked to X.

Erroneous trade alert

Twins starter Joe Ryan was sitting with his teammates in their Cleveland hotel July 31 when the news flashed on social media feeds. The Twins were trading him to the Red Sox.

He kept waiting and waiting for the Twins front office to call him. The call never came. It took several minutes before he learned it was wrong.

The teams had talked but were not even remotely close to a deal, with the Red Sox refusing to meet the Twins' request to include outfielders Jarren Duran or Willyer Abreu in a package.

"I was kind of in a weird state of mind and physically pretty exhausted, too," Ryan told the Minnesota Star-Tribune. "We were hearing so many different things. The weird part is what was expected. It feels a little bit different than what some of us were led to believe. That was interesting."

Power of the bullpen

The **Padres** led the major leagues in ERA, batting average allowed and WHIP and still unloaded their farm system to grab Athletics closer Mason Miller and his 102-mph fastball.

Yes, that's how vital a bullpen is in October baseball.

This is why the **Dodgers**, despite getting only two six-inning appearances from their starters in 16 postseason games, still won the World Series last year.

Teams used their starters an average of only 4.25 innings in last year's postseason, with 51.5% of all innings pitched by relievers.

In 2023, it was 48.1% with starters averaging 4.6 innings. In 2022, it was 45.2% with starters averaging 5 innings.

No wonder the **Padres** could only laugh when Miller's first pitch Aug. 1 was clocked at 102 mph.

The **Padres** wound up making five trades, involving 22 players, and shipping 14 prospects out of town – including seven ranked among their top 16 – by the time the smoke cleared.

"Welcome to the San Diego Padre deadline," **Padres** All-Star third baseman Manny Machado told reporters. "I'm never shocked about anything we do at the deadline, let's be honest."



If no one wanted Luis Robert at \$15 million, why would they want him at \$20M? And what happens in 2026? Please, make it make sense. PATRICK GORSKI/IMAGN IMAGES

Worst idea

Sure, the **White Sox** didn't get the offer wanted for center fielder Luis Robert Jr., who is having another injury-prone, underperforming season. But guess what? No team shopping their position players got what they wanted either.

You think the **Pirates** still wanted Isiah Kiner-Falefa or Tommy Pham still on the roster? You think Atlanta still wanted Marcell Ozuna around? You think the **Nationals** didn't want to unload Nathaniel Lowe, Josh Bell or Paul DeJong.

The **White Sox** not only didn't move Robert, but now they are planning to throw bad money after bad money and pick up his \$20 million option.

If no one wanted Robert bad enough at his \$15 million salary, why would they want him at \$20 million?

And what happens at next year's trade deadline if they still can't unload him?

Would they throw another \$20 million his way and pick up his 2027 option?

Best under-the-radar move

The **Dodgers** sent Dustin May to the **Red Sox** simply because he wasn't good enough to make their rotation and brought back minor league outfielder James Tibbs, who was the **Red Sox's** fifth-ranked prospect, and a key piece from San Francisco in the Rafael Devers' trade. Rival executives believe the deal could be a steal for the **Dodgers** with Tibbs having a chance to become a star.

Best parting gift

Tyler Rogers: The submarine reliever who was traded by the **Giants** to the **Mets** caught a plane ride with his former teammates to New York, still wearing his **Giants** sweats. In exchange for their hospitality, Rogers donated his beer refrigerator and wine collection to his former bullpen.

Team nobody wants to face in October

No offense, but there's not a single

contender who wants to see the **Rangers** in the postseason. Not with that pitching staff. Not after acquiring starter Merrill Kelly from Arizona along with veteran relievers Danny Coulombe and Phil Maton, joining a pitching staff that already has an MLB-best 3.26 ERA.

Can you imagine a team having to face Jacob deGrom, Nathan Eovaldi and Kelly in a short series?

Biggest gamble

The **Blue Jays** are taking the chance that Shane Bieber, who hasn't pitched in the big leagues all season while recovering from Tommy John surgery, will return to become the Cy Young winner of old.

"The risk is, almost in some ways, the exciting aspect of it because of the upside," **Blue Jays** GM Ross Atkins told reporters. "The upside is just so big, and I think what makes it riskier is the fact that he's not pitching in major league games right now."

Bieber would be potentially their Game 1 starter in the playoffs ahead of Kevin Gausman, Jose Berrios, Chris Bassitt, Max Scherzer and Eric Lauer. This is a dude that won the Cy Young award in 2020 and two years later went 13-8 with a 2.88 ERA, striking out 198 batters in 200 innings.

Biggest change of plans

Just six weeks ago, the **Giants** were all-in, acquiring Rafael Devers and the remaining \$254.5 million remaining on his contract. They since have baseball's worst record, going 13-26, and waved the white flag, dumping closer Camilo Doval and right fielder Mike Yastrzemski. They badly need shortstop Willy Adames to live up to his \$182.5 million contract for them to become a contender again.

"We wish we were in a spot that we were adding," **Giants** president of baseball operations Buster Posey told reporters, "but as poorly as we've played since the All-Star break, we all felt like it was the best decision for the organization to try to get those pieces coming back that will help us in the future."

Best airport connection

Eugenio Suárez had just arrived in Sacramento with his family after the **D-backs** had played in Detroit when he

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got the call he was traded to Seattle. The Mariners, who had just played in Sacramento, were still on the ground boarding their plane to Seattle when there was a 30-minute delay. The door opened at about 11:30 p.m. It was Suárez and his family. The Mariners' somber mood after their loss quickly turned into a party.

Biggest penny-pinchers

Yes, once again, instead of improving, the **Pirates** succeeded in only dumping money. They no longer have the \$32.2 million left in Ke'Bryan Hayes contract, David Bednar's \$5.9 million deal or Bailey Falter's \$2.2 million contract. They now have an extra \$18 million, shedding about \$42 million once their free agents walk away after the season. Will they use the savings to enhance their roster for 2026 or will owner Bob Nutting simply stuff it in his pocket? You know the answer.

Best use of unheralded prospects

The **Yankees** were able to snag Pirates closer David Bednar with catcher Rafael Flores and catcher Edglen Perez, and center fielder Brian Sanchez. Let's see. Flores was an undrafted catcher in Orange County, and Perez and Sanchez were international signings who cost them less than \$100,000. They turned them into Bednar. Take a bow, scouting director Damon Oppenheimer.

NL Central sightseeing trip

In a matter of 48 hours, **Taylor Rogers** pitched for the Reds, suited up for the Pirates and was traded to the Cubs. He and his twin brother, Tyler, were even traded an hour apart. It's the third time two brothers were traded the same day – but never a set of twins.

Double duty

Seranthony Dominguez went to work the morning of July 30, got dressed in an Orioles uniform in the home clubhouse at Camden Yards before Game 1 of a doubleheader. He got news after the game that he was traded to Toronto. He simply strolled down the hall to put on a Blue Jays uniform. It was the first time a player suited up in different uniforms in a doubleheader since May 30, 1922, when Max Flack started for the Chicago Cubs in Game 1 and the



Seranthony Dominguez put on an Orioles uniform before a July 30 twinbill. He strolled down the hall to the Blue Jays after Game 1. MITCH STRINGER/IMAGN IMAGES

St. Louis Cardinals in Game 2, according to Jayson Stark of the Athletic.

Who needs friends?

Buster Posey just finished playing for the Giants four years ago before becoming president of baseball operations. So, imagine the conversations when three of the five players he traded last week were his former teammates: Tyler Rogers, Mike Yastrzemski and Camilo Doval.

Around the basepaths

● In less than six hours after the MLB trade deadline was complete, rumors already were swirling that the Pirates will be replacing **Ben Cherington** as GM, just as rumors prevail that **Bill Schmidt** of the Rockies would be re-assigned. They still retained their jobs entering the week, but no one in baseball has less job security.

● Boston Red Sox rookie infielder **Marcelo Mayer**'s sprained wrist is more serious than the Red Sox initially envi-

sioned, and season-ending surgery is a possibility after consulting with specialists.

● The Minnesota Twins front office asked center fielder **Byron Buxton** if he wants to stay through the Twins rebuild, and he answered with a resounding, "Yes."

Buxton, 31, who signed a seven-year, \$100 million contract three years ago, has a full no-trade clause. He's under contract through 2028.

● The Twins had the opportunity to acquire Houston Astros first baseman **Christian Walker** in their **Carlos Correa** trade talks, but passed, not wanting to take on the two years and \$40 million left on his contract. It's possible Walker is shopped this winter to make room for Isaac Paredes at first base.

● The Padres never had any intention of trading closer **Robert Suarez** and were never close to trading starter **Dylan Cease**, realizing they are a much stronger team with him.

They did have late talks with the Astros, but Houston balked at including younger **Spencer Arrighetti** in a pack-

age with three prospects.

● The Milwaukee Brewers added about \$4 million to their payroll at the trade deadline by picking up \$2.2 million by sending starter Nestor Cortes to San Diego for outfielder **Brandon Lockridge**, while also chipping in \$2 million in their acquisition for reliever **Shelby Miller**, which included injured starter **Jordan Montgomery**.

● If the NL Manager of the Year balloting was done today, Miami Marlins rookie manager **Clayton McCullough** would be your winner.

It's remarkable that this team is hovering around .500 with the lowest payroll in baseball and is on one of the greatest tears in franchise history. The Marlins entered the week with a 30-14 record since June 13.

● It's hysterical that everyone is going wild with new Phillies closer **Jhoan Duran**'s wild walk-off entrance in his debut at Citizen's Bank Park.

It's the same exact entrance that accompanied him in Minnesota. It's just that no one watched the Twins.

The difference?

"Here," Duran says, "I've got a chance to win the World Series."

● The Astros are weighing the possibility of bringing back reliever **Ryan Pressly** after he was released by the Chicago Cubs. They passed on the idea of trying to reacquire **Justin Verlander** at the deadline.

● The Cardinals would have loved to move starters **Sonny Gray** and **Miles Mikolas**, and first baseman **Willson Contreras**, too, but all three told the Cardinals they would not waive their no-trade clauses.

● Ohio Gov. **Mike DeWine** is going to ask the commissioners and players unions from the six major U.S. sports leagues – MLB, NFL, NBA, NHL, WNBA and MLS – to support a ban on prop betting. The request comes in the aftermath of MLB's gambling investigation of Guardians pitchers **Emmanuel Clase** and **Luis Ortiz**.

"The evidence that prop betting is harming athletics in Ohio is reaching critical mass," DeWine said in a statement. "First, there were threats on Ohio athletes, and now two high-profile Ohio professional athletes have been suspended by Major League Baseball as part of a 'sports betting investigation.' The harm to athletes and the integrity of the game is clear, and the benefits are not worth the harm. The prop betting

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experiment in this country has failed badly.”

- It could be a big winter for starting pitchers on the block: **Joe Ryan** and **Pablo Lopez** of the Minnesota Twins and **Sandy Alcantara** and **Edwin Cabrera** of the Miami Marlins and **Mitch Keller** of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

- The cost of the A's ballpark in Las Vegas, originally estimated at \$1.5 billion, has now climbed over \$2 billion.

- The Brewers are the first team to score 16 runs in a game in four different road ballparks in the same season since 1939.

- Red Sox ace **Garrett Crochet** has pitched 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings since June 1, already exceeding his entire total of 64 innings in August and September in his career.

- There's something about Cleveland that the Twins just can't stand. The Twins have lost 15 consecutive one-run games at Progressive Field.

- Yes, that was Athletics starter **Luis Severino**, falling down after his second and third pitches, winning his first game of the season at Sutter Health Park in Sacramento, giving up one run in fifth. He entered the game with a 6.68 ERA at home in his first 12 starts. The A's are expected to trade him this winter.

- What was the significance of the Chicago White Sox's 41st victory this season? It matched their entire total of a year ago when they went 41-121, a record for futility.

- **Jacob Misorowski**, the Brewers' right-handed comet best known for earning an All-Star Game nod just five games into his career, is scheduled to come off the injured list Aug. 15. The Miz, as he's known, has a tibia contusion on his left shin. When he returns, his first two starts would be against the wild-card contender Cincinnati Reds and those second-place, 64-46 Cubs, part of a five-game series at Wrigley Field that marks the last meeting between the teams this season.

- RIP **Ryne Sandberg**, who left a legacy with the way he played the game, and offered this message in his Hall of Fame speech: “You hit a home run, you drop the bat, put your head down and run around the bases because the name on the front of your uniform is a lot more important than the name on the back. That's respect.” Amen.

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COMMENTARY

Mariners make move on Series

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PHOENIX — The Seattle Mariners, who made the painful mistake of trading third baseman Eugenio Suarez two years ago to the Arizona Diamondbacks only to watch him become one of the game's premier power hitters, swallowed their pride at this year's trade deadline and traded for him back.

Suarez, who had 36 homers and 87 RBIs for Arizona, became the first in baseball history to hit at least 35 homers before he was traded in-season.

“He's pretty much everything you look for in a teammate,” Mariners MVP candidate Cal Raleigh told reporters last week. “He's supportive. Super nice. Keeps it light in the room. Always positive. And you add on to that, he's a great player.”

“We saw that when he was here the first time, and we were obviously all sad that he left, but we're happy that he's coming back Very, very excited for it. Obviously, we know how great a guy he is, how great he's playing this year. Great, great add.”

It was the second deal the Mariners and Diamondbacks made in a week with the D-backs also trading first baseman Josh Naylor to Seattle for two pitching prospects. Now, they sent his corner infield teammate to provide the Mariners much-needed power to reach the postseason for only the second time since 2001 after near-misses the last two years.

The Mariners, fortunate that the market for Suarez never materialized the way the Diamondbacks envisioned, were able to pull off the deal without touching any of their prized prospects. The cost was first baseman Tyler Locklear, their ninth-best prospect, who leads all Triple-A hitters with 16 homers and 56 RBIs in their organization since June 1; and minor league pitchers Hunter Cranton and Juan Burgos, their 16th- and 17th-ranked prospects, respectively.

Just like that, they now have a team built to win their first World Series championship in franchise history.

The Mariners (60-53) are 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ games behind the Houston Astros in the AL



Eugenio Suárez and Cal Raleigh embrace after Raleigh won the Home Run Derby at Truist Park on July 14. JAMIE SQUIRE/GETTY IMAGES

West and are two games ahead of the Texas Rangers for the third and final wild-card berth. Yet with their star-studded rotation of Logan Gilbert, Bryan Woo, George Kirby, Luis Castillo and Bryce Miller, they can scare the living daylights out of any team in the postseason.

And now they finally have the power they have long coveted, with Suarez hitting 53 home runs over the past year before the trade, trailing only Shohei Ohtani (60 homers) and Aaron Judge (58). Raleigh (41 homers) and Suarez (36) make the Mariners the second team in MLB history to enter August with at least two players having at least 35 homers, joining the 1961 Yankees who had Roger Maris (40) and Mickey Mantle (39).

The Mariners now have one of the deepest and most-talented lineups in the American League, rectifying the blunder they made two years ago when they traded Suarez.

The Mariners thought his career was in a steep decline after the 2023 season,

which saw him hit .232 with 22 homers, 96 RBIs and a league-leading 214 strikeouts. The Mariners sent him to Arizona, receiving only minor league reliever Carlos Vargas and backup catcher Seby Zavala, while saving about \$11 million in salary.

It looked like a shrewd move when Suarez was struggling so badly — hitting just .193 — that the Diamondbacks considered designating him for assignment in late June 2024. He instead caught fire, hitting .307 with 20 homers and a .942 OPS in the second half, and never cooled off.

Now, all the Mariners need is for Suarez to stay hot for three more months, their starting pitching to stay healthy, and take the franchise on a magical ride to its first World Series.

It has been a long time coming, but now the Mariners have the lineup, the pitching, and the burning desire to pull it off.

They've saved prized prospects long enough.

Now, it's time for a parade.

MLB POWER RANKINGS

Marlins swimming upstream past two months

Gabe Lacques

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We're not going to mince words: The Miami Marlins are for real.

We can talk about it now, because the Marlins, arguably Major League Baseball's most forgotten franchise, have reached the .500 mark after a rousing weekend sweep of the New York Yankees, who have their own issues to worry about.

But there's one team – the Milwaukee Brewers – that's played as well as the Marlins since June 13, when they began a roll that's now at 30 wins in 44 games and resulted in them being very much alive rather than a carcass to be picked over at the July 31 trade deadline.

Heck, they even held onto franchise bulwark Sandy Alcantara, which may or may not portend positive things for a winter to build upon this surprise season. Miami's pitching staff leads the majors in WHIP (1.06) and the National League in ERA (3.16) since June 27, a 31-game stretch.

For now, though, the Marlins have zoomed up four more spots in USA TODAY Sports' power rankings, and are even loitering on the fringes of the NL wild-card race, six games out but with three teams to pass going into Aug. 4.

But if they keep up this pace, there's no ceiling that can stop them.

A look at our updated rankings:



Agustin Ramirez and the Marlins celebrate after a win over the Yankees.

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1. Milwaukee Brewers (+2): Banged out a franchise-record 56 hits in a three-game sweep of the Nationals.

2. Chicago Cubs (-1): All-Star Game headed to Wrigley in 2027. Which uniform will Kyle Tucker be wearing?

3. Toronto Blue Jays (-1): Don't look now, but Max Scherzer has struck out 16, walked none and won each of his past two starts.

4. Detroit Tigers (-): Can they unlock a closer-like performance from newly acquired Kyle Finnegan?

5. Philadelphia Phillies (+1): Jhoan Duran's dominant stuff accompanied his personal intro on trip from Minnesota to Philly.

6. Los Angeles Dodgers (+1): Max Muncy is ready to return, with Tommy Edman likely replacing him on the injured list.

7. New York Mets (-2): Cedric Mul-

ins will fit very snugly on their playoff roster.

8. San Diego Padres (+2): Has anyone ever rebutted A.J. Preller when he simply asked, "Why not?"

9. Houston Astros (-1): Carlos Correa still a week away from playing his first home game at Minute, errr, Daikin Park since Game 6 of the 2021 World Series.

10. Boston Red Sox (+1): Once again, a pretty lame deadline, but Steven Matz is low-key a useful bullpen piece.

11. Seattle Mariners (+2): Big series win against a Rangers team suddenly right in their way.

12. New York Yankees (-3): Hard for Brian Cashman to blame Aaron Boone when the players he acquired blew up in the skipper's face.

13. Cincinnati Reds (+1): Survived the Speedway semi-debacle. Will rest of season be a red flag?

14. Texas Rangers (-2): Jacob deGrom the fastest to 1,800 strikeouts in both innings (1,493 ⅔) and games (240).

15. San Francisco Giants (-): A "soft sell" at the deadline, if you will, but now they're back at .500. One more run in 'em?

16. Miami Marlins (+4): Kyle Stowers with a shot at 40 homers.

17. Cleveland Guardians (+1): You'd think Emmanuel Clase would be the cautionary tale that gets ballplayers' attention.

18. St. Louis Cardinals (-2): .500

looking like their destiny.

19. Kansas City Royals (-): Mike Yastrzemski kind of a nice "Why the hell not?" pickup.

20. Tampa Bay Rays (-7): Have now lost 11 of 16 since the break.

21. Los Angeles Angels (+1): Taylor Ward now with a career-high 26 home runs, his latest a walk-off.

22. Arizona Diamondbacks (-1): The Jordan Montgomery Era really was something.

23. Minnesota Twins (-): Like many Americans, they're struggling to be debt-free.

24. Baltimore Orioles (-): The deadline decimated the entire roster, but the lineup has responded; the bullpen has not.

25. Atlanta Braves (+1): Don't think anyone will complain if someone calls the Speedway trophy "a piece of metal."

26. Athletics (-1): Just 23 wins in Yolo County; only Rockies, Nationals have fewer at home.

27. Pittsburgh Pirates (-): The trade of moderate success story Bailey Falter was moderately depressing.

28. Washington Nationals (-): Run differential now minus-134; only Rockies (-277) are worse.

29. Chicago White Sox (-): Luis Robert is still here.

30. Colorado Rockies (-): At least a few of their bros on the Yankees give them something to root for.

'Getting to be gut-check time' as Yankees are swept

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MIAMI – Remember that heady, post-MLB trade deadline optimism around the Yankees – a euphoria that dated all the way back to last week?

The last of those party balloons burst Aug. 3, as the Miami Marlins completed a three-game sweep.

"Everyone in this room, we have really high expectations and we're not meeting them right now," said Cody Bellinger after Miami's 7-3 win at Loan-Depot Park.

Occupying third in the American League East, the Yankees were headed to Texas to face a Rangers team trying to squeeze them out of a now-tenuous wild-card spot.

"It's getting to be gut-check time. It's getting late," said manager Aaron Boone evenly. "I'm confident we're going to get it together but ... it's empty until we start doing it."

Aaron Judge (strained flexor) could return to the lineup early in the week, but saving the Yankees requires more than their captain's presence.

"I wouldn't say there's concern," said

infielder Ben Rice. "But I think a little sense of urgency would be good for us."

In his 2025 debut, Luis Gil struggled with command and lasted just 3.1 innings, while the Marlins flaunted some of their young pitching talent they refused to deal at the deadline.

After taking home the 2024 AL Rookie of the Year Award, Gil still finished last year with a 5.15 ERA in his last 15 games.

In spring training, Gil was sidelined by a strained lat, compromising a Yankee rotation that was about to lose ace Gerrit Cole to Tommy John surgery.

Gil's impending return off the injured list allowed the Yankees to deal for relievers Camilo Doval, David Bednar and Jake Bird without adding a starter.

But the thin nature of the rotation doesn't leave much margin for error (or injury). Depth-wise, Ryan Yarbrough would be the next man up, and he's rehabbing an oblique strain.

Meanwhile, the Yankees are a poor 18-27 since June 13, with their once comfortable AL East lead a memory.

"Love this group of guys," said Bellinger. "We have a lot of talented baseball players. We've just got to play better."

From left, the Bengals have invested heavily in wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase, quarterback Joe Burrow and wide receiver Tee Higgins contract-wise.

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Bengals conducting one of NFL's greatest experiments

Tyler Dragon

USA TODAY

Joe Burrow got his wish.

Burrow publicly advocated for the Cincinnati Bengals to retain wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins this offseason.

"We all want to stay together, so we want to make it work," Burrow told NFL Network in February.

The next month the Bengals re-signed Chase to a four-year, \$161 million deal, making him the highest-paid wide receiver in the NFL, and Higgins to a four-year, \$115 million pact.

The two now represent the highest-paid receiver duo in the NFL. Cincinnati, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Miami Dolphins are the only three teams in the NFL that have receiver duos earning an annual average of \$25 million or over.

Are two receivers absorbing a large percentage of a team's salary cap a winning formula? It's not an exact science. The Eagles won Super Bowl 59 with A.J. Brown and DeVonta Smith earning at least \$25 million per season ago, but the Dolphins missed the playoffs while paying Tyreek Hill and Jaylen Waddle in the same neighborhood. The Bengals were on vacation in the 2024 postseason before they signed Chase and Higgins to megadeals.

Combine quarterback Burrow's five-year, \$275 million deal that he signed in 2023, the Bengals are allocating approximately \$124 million per year for three players.

The three large contracts have compromised Cincinnati's defense to some degree. The Bengals and standout de-

fensive end Trey Hendrickson, who led the NFL in sacks in 2024, are in a contract dispute. Meanwhile, 2025 first-round pick defensive end Shemar Stewart and the Bengals were in a contract standoff because of contract language. Stewart was the NFL's last 2025 first-round pick to sign, on July 25.

Defense was the Bengals' big problem last season. They lost six games in which they scored 25 points or more and lost four contests where they scored at least 33. Cincinnati ranked 25th in both points allowed and total defense.

Hendrickson has indicated he won't play under his current contract. It's hard to imagine any improvement from the Bengals defense sans their top defensive player from a year ago.

The Bengals had a prolific offense last season. Burrow recorded a career-year leading the league in passing yards and touchdown passes. Chase achieved the receiving triple crown.

But the Bengals were still on the outside looking in come playoff time in large part because of an inept defense. The Bengals did fire defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo and replaced him with Al Golden. However, the coordinator swap feels like a Band-Aid. The Bengals simply lack talent on defense because they've invested heavily on offense, mainly on three players.

The Bengals should once again have a high-powered offense, but they simultaneously handcuffed their defense.

Is it a winning formula?

We'll see, though, the adage is defense wins championships.

QB Burrow feeling good, loves Bengals camp vibes

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CINCINNATI — Joe Burrow didn't become "Joe Brr" by not knowing how to keep it a buck. Certainly short of soul-bearing, Burrow at least offers a glimpse into his actual self — while maintaining some level of coyness — and that's not always the case with franchise quarterbacks in 2025.

So when he appears genuinely optimistic about the Cincinnati Bengals' upcoming season it's hard not to drink the Kool-Aid that flows along the banks of the Ohio River.

For starters, Burrow declared on July 30 after practice he feels the best he has while throwing the football in some time. If the eye test is worth anything, the practice backed up that claim. The man passed for 4,913 yards and 43 touchdowns and feels *better*.

Maybe it was because edge rusher Trey Hendrickson, coming off an All-Pro year, reported to camp earlier in the day amid tense contract negotiations, thus ending his holdout. He didn't practice, making it a "hold-in," but the vibes were better in the building as a result, Burrow said.

Back in the fold already are Burrow's top two targets, wide receivers Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins, both of whom received lucrative extensions this offseason. The bad news for Burrow and the offense is that the offensive line still has question marks.

A significant percentage of the team's success, however, hinges on the defense. The unit was among the league's worst in 2024 and received much of the blame for the team's 9-8 record and failure to make the playoffs.

Al Golden replaces Lou Anarumo (now with the Indianapolis Colts) as defensive coordinator. Burrow has been a fan of what he's seen from the opposite side of the ball.

Burrow, by name, called out defensive tackle T.J. Slayton as somebody who "is going to be a great player for us, the energy he brings, the physicality he brings. I'm really excited to watch that on Sundays."

The games and stunts to create pressures by the defensive line is



Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow throws during camp practice July 30 in downtown Cincinnati.

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something Burrow said he has gone against — and knows from experience is difficult to deal with. "And they're doing it at a high level," Burrow said.

Burrow wasn't afraid to reveal his aspirations. "I think it's got a chance to be a special year," he said.

After cornerback Josh Newton picked Burrow off during 7-on-7 drills in the end zone, the defense as a unit started jawing. The smack talk from the secondary lasted all practice. "Need that energy from them," Burrow said.

"Defense is built off that energy. Great defense is not always necessarily played with the mind. A lot of times it's energy, emotion, physicality."

Unlike last season, Burrow wants to play in the preseason to get used to hits and speed at which the pocket disintegrates. No decisions had been made public regarding his participation on Aug. 7 against the Philadelphia Eagles.

The Bengals started 1-4 last season and never recovered, even with five straight wins to close out the year. Burrow has been intentional in his public statements about the need for a better start in 2025. That's another reason why Burrow has placed more value on the preseason.

"We'll find out," Burrow said of the team's goal to start fast, "I'm very positive about the energy, the morale that we have in the locker room right now."

Given all that's been said about the Bengals for the past several months, maybe it's been cool — "Joe Brr" cool — all along.

NFL POWER RANKINGS

As preseason starts, who threatens Eagles?

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NFL power rankings, as the 2025 preseason schedule fully begins (previous rank in parentheses):

1. Philadelphia Eagles (1): The offense returns virtually intact, former coordinator (and new Saints head coach) Kellen Moore a notable exception. Coordinator Vic Fangio is back for a second year running the defense, though that unit will need to adapt from significant losses in free agency. Last year's club was one of the very best of the past quarter century and seems to have an excellent shot at repeating, especially when you consider proven NFL players like RB AJ Dillon, CB Adoree' Jackson and OLBs Azeez Ojulari and Josh Uche are all projected to be among the backups.

2. Baltimore Ravens (2): How talented is this secondary? Chidobe Awuzie, a Round 2 pick in Dallas eight years ago, projects as the *dime* back after former Green Bay Pro Bowler Jaire Alexander joined up as the fifth first-rounder likely to play ahead of him on this unit. Stopping the pass was a big problem here a year ago but could be a strength as QB Lamar Jackson and company make their latest run at a Super Bowl.

3. Kansas City Chiefs (4): With G Trey Smith and DE George Karlaftis extended, the only piece of semi-pressing team business remaining is a new deal for All-Pro CB Trent McDuffie – and that may have to wait. Resolution on WR Rashee Rice's post-legal status would also be nice, but even having him back for some portion of this season is a win over his injury-aborted 2024 campaign. K.C.'s biggest issue, the O-line notwithstanding, could be a quickly narrowing gap with their AFC West competitors.

4. Buffalo Bills (5): The only franchise to play in four consecutive Super Bowls – all infamous losses in the 1990s – is now the only team with 78 wins (playoffs included) over a six-season stretch *without* reaching a Super Bowl. Will Josh Allen's (and the Mafia's) suffering finally end at the end of the 2025 season?

5. Los Angeles Rams (3): No team pushed Philly closer to the precipice in the 2024 playoffs than the Rams. No



Eagles quarterback Jalen Hurts goes through drills during training camp July 23.

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team might be more heavily reliant on a seemingly brittle component – Matthew Stafford – than the Rams, their 37-year-old quarterback sidelined so far this summer by a balky back. He's missed 11 starts over the past three seasons. But if he's generally available in 2025, LA could wind up in SF for SB60.

6. Green Bay Packers (8): They bring a compelling mixture of young talent but also continuity, an aspect that could distinguish them from their NFC North rivals, who are all undergoing some measure of major upheaval at a key spot.

7. Washington Commanders (6): If you'd told their fans a year ago that the

2025 Commanders would reach the divisional round of the postseason, imagine what the excitement level would have been. Now? That might seem like a major disappointment for a team led by a quarterback, albeit the amazing Jayden Daniels, heading into just his second season.

8. Denver Broncos (13): While head coach Sean Payton and QB Bo Nix might be this team's most recognizable faces, a defense that ranked seventh overall in 2024 might wind up being its strength.

9. Detroit Lions (7): The departures of coordinators Ben Johnson (Bears) and Aaron Glenn (Jets) for head coaching gigs have drawn deserved offseason

focus for the impact in Motown. But head coach Dan Campbell also lost six other assistants as other teams try to replicate Detroit's recent success. Most of the Lions' copious talent remains, but it remains to be seen if the revamped staff can maximize it following a 27-7 regular-season mark over the past two seasons.

10. Pittsburgh Steelers (16): If the Aaron Rodgers era lasts eight months, this season could be the sterling silver Stairway to Seven. If the Aaron Rodgers era lasts seven months, this season will be a slag pile that could land some folks on the scrap heap. But it seems off to an encouraging start in steamy Latrobe, Pennsylvania.

11. San Francisco 49ers (14): With many of their top players, like RB Christian McCaffrey and LT Trent Williams, healthy again – and armed with a last-place schedule that is the league's easiest based on opponents' collective winning percentage (.415) in 2024, they're well positioned for a major rebound. Still, with WR Brandon Aiyuk on the mend from his 2024 ACL/MCL tear, WR Jauan Jennings seeking a raise, and the defense trying to recover from several departures, the beginning of the season could be something of a speed bump.

12. Arizona Cardinals (17): Below average under rookie coach Jonathan Gannon in 2023 to average last season, the Cards are hoping to sustain the upward trend into the postseason.

13. Houston Texans (10): Will they regret building their ground game around RBs Joe Mixon, Nick Chubb and Dameon Pierce, who are all in various states of disrepair?

14. Tampa Bay Buccaneers (9): With LT Tristan Wirfs (knee surgery), arguably the Bucs' best player, and WR Chris Godwin (ankle) stuck on the PUP (physically unable to perform) list amid yet another offensive coordinator change, it's worth wondering if the perennial NFC South champs fall into an early season hole.

15. Los Angeles Chargers (11): While the eye injury to RB Najee Harris and retirement of WR Mike Williams have generated the summer headlines, the main concern here might be the defense

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given the Bolts allowed an average of more than 25 points over their final five games of last season ... and that was before they lost Joey Bosa and several others in free agency.

16. Seattle Seahawks (15): As a member of the Vikings, QB Sam Darnold dealt the 2024 Seahawks a death blow last December in Lumen Field. Now the 12s can only hope he's the real deal and won't serve a self-inflicted coup de grâce in November.

17. Minnesota Vikings (18): Maybe it's apples to Granny Smith apples, but let's attempt some contextualization. QB J.J. McCarthy attempted an average of 22.1 passes during his final (championship) season at Michigan in 2023. During his rookie absence in 2024, Darnold never threw fewer than 24 in a game for Minnesota on the way to his first Pro Bowl honors. Should be interesting to see how long head coach Kevin O'Connell keeps the training wheels on McCarthy.

18. Cincinnati Bengals (12): In case you were wondering just how bad this defense might get without All-Pro DE Trey Hendrickson – though he at least ended his holdout to stop getting fined – no one else had more than five sacks or 23 pressures in 2024. He had a league-leading 17 ½ and 54, respectively.

19. New England Patriots (20): Highly regarded new coach. Talented second-year quarterback. An offseason loaded with major moves. Don't be surprised if their 2024 win total (four) doubles.

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21. Dallas Cowboys (22): Tyler Guyton, last year's first-rounder, avoided a catastrophic camp injury and could be ready by Week 1. But whether he's in the lineup or not, this team needs much better play from the left tackle spot if QB Dak Prescott is going to survive the full season.

22. Jacksonville Jaguars (26): The attention is understandably focused on WR/CB Travis Hunter, the second pick of the 2025 draft. Much more *should* be focused on QB Trevor Lawrence, the first pick of the 2021 draft – and upon whose shoulders, surgically repaired and otherwise, this franchise's fortunes will rise or fall.

23. New York Jets (25): They've got



The signing of quarterback Aaron Rodgers makes the Steelers an intriguing team to watch in 2025.

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certifiable stars, a new coach who seems to be galvanizing the entire organization, a compelling haul of rookies and ample buzz around new QB1 Justin Fields. But given how often potential and production are inversely related in the New York market, Glenn and company have plenty to prove despite all the promise.

24. Atlanta Falcons (27): Amid the runaway speculation about QB2 Kirk Cousins' future here ... it might *be* here. With all of 230 snaps as a rookie, QB1 Michael Penix Jr. hasn't played much more than 2024 draft mate McCarthy, who also effectively replaced Cousins. But now two years removed from his Achilles tear plus arm and shoulder woes in 2024, don't be surprised if "KFC" comes out of the bullpen at some point and plays much better than he did late last season.

25. Carolina Panthers (23): If third-year QB Bryce Young is to sustain last year's late-season momentum, he will need what was by far the league's worst defense to put him in far fewer com-

promising positions.

26. Las Vegas Raiders (21): Maybe the departure of DT Christian Wilkins proves to be addition by subtraction. But it also leaves the defense in an even more precarious position while further incentivizing opponents to double- and triple-team DE Maxx Crosby.

27. Miami Dolphins (24): Speaking of defenses that have shed Wilkins – and CB Jalen Ramsey and S Jevon Holland and DL Calais Campbell – if the Fins' pass rush can't live up to its dominant potential, then this offense might have to win a lot of shootouts.

28. Tennessee Titans (31): They got QB Cam Ward atop the draft and, to the degree it wasn't already, it's full speed ahead with the rookie now that backup Will Levis has opted for season-ending shoulder surgery. Could be a rough, if hopeful, ride in Nashville.

29. New York Giants (28): They didn't get QB Cam Ward atop the draft – but reportedly tried – instead coming back into the bottom of Round 1 for Jaxon Dart. But it's currently full speed

ahead with veteran Russell Wilson ... even if he's unable to get this offense into third gear.

30. Indianapolis Colts (30): Legend has it that legendary coach and analyst John Madden uttered the phrase, "If you've got two quarterbacks, you have none." Not sure many folks will be playing "Madden NFL" with this Colts team.

31. Cleveland Browns (29): Given the open question here at quarterback, the offense would most obviously benefit from a strong rushing attack. But Chubb left and rookie second-rounder Quinshon Judkins remains unsigned due to ongoing legal issues. Jerome Ford, who rushed for a team-best 565 yards in 2024, stands to get a heavier workload than the DUDE Wipes that seem to underpin much of the team's marketing efforts.

32. New Orleans Saints (32): Derek Carr – gone. Tyrann Mathieu – gone. The core of what was a top-10 scoring defense four of the past five seasons – gone. Hope at the outset of the 2025 season – a camp holdout.

FANTASY FOOTBALL

10 key players who are rising in training camp

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Training camps are fully underway and this year features plenty of position battles, injuries and holdouts, all of which can have huge fantasy football implications.

Each year, fantasy managers across the country try to maximize the value as much as possible to win a championship and avoid punishments for finishing last.

Training camps can tip off who is improving and getting more of a share of the offense than expected. These developments aren't an outright guarantee but could help fantasy managers get a clearer picture of what the 2025 season may hold.

Through the early part of training camp, some players have stood out as risers in the fantasy football landscape. Here are our top 10 as August begins:

**QB J.J. McCarthy,
Minnesota Vikings**

McCarthy inherits an incredibly talented offense in his first year as a starter. He's getting reps in training camp against what was one of the tougher defenses in the league last season. Reporters attending training camp have noted how well he's throwing; The Athletic's Alec Lewis wrote the second-year quarterback has "checked critical boxes early on."

As a first-year starter, McCarthy is an unknown in the fantasy landscape but signs point to him being at least a solid starter in 2025. With the pieces in place in this offense, that's firmly high-end QB2 material.

**RB Omarion Hampton,
Los Angeles Chargers**

Najee Harris' eye injury from a fireworks incident earlier this summer cleared the way for Hampton to take full control of RB1 status with the Chargers. He had a pair of carries for 9 yards in the Hall of Fame game against Detroit and that may be the last we see of him in the preseason.

There's no denying the Chargers offense wants to run the ball. Head coach



Buccaneers rookie receiver Emeka Egbuka could see plenty of playing time. NATHAN RAY SEEBECK/IMAGN IMAGES

Jim Harbaugh and offensive coordinator Greg Roman established that idea at previous spots. Hampton has the opportunity with Harris out to start the season with a large share of the touches out of the backfield.

**RB Christian McCaffrey,
San Francisco 49ers**

McCaffrey had a rough season in 2024 amid injuries and a struggling 49ers offense. The 2023 Offensive Player of the Year failed to score a touchdown for the first time in his career. San Francisco drafted running back Jordan James in Round 5 of the 2025 NFL draft and he could eat into McCaffrey's touches.

But James will miss time with a knee injury and McCaffrey seems to be fully healthy for the first time in more than a year. The 49ers offense will be without top wideout Brandon Aiyuk to start the season, and second-year receiver Ricky Pearsall's getting back up to speed after a hamstring injury. The conditions are there for McCaffrey to have a large share of the offensive load even in his age-30 season.

RB Jerome Ford, Cleveland Browns

Cleveland's offense has plenty of questions entering the 2025 season. There's a four-way battle for starting quarterback and the running back room has a pair of rookies in addition to Ford competing for carries.

One of those rookies, Quinshon Judkins, has yet to sign a contract following his battery charge in July. That's left fellow rookie Dylan Sampson competing with Ford for carries. Ford's the incumbent, and with a likely suspension pending for Judkins, he's in line for a bigger role as the season starts.

**RB Jordan Mason,
Minnesota Vikings**

The Vikings traded for Mason in the offseason in a move that reflects a shift to a more effective ground game in Minnesota this year. Aaron Jones Sr. was the top back and had the majority of carries last year, but Mason's arrival could signal a shift.

With training camp underway, ESPN's Kevin Seifert reported that it may be closer to an even split in carries between Jones and Mason than what the Vikings have done in prior seasons. Jones should still be the lead back, but from training camp reps it looks like Mason should get a solid share of carries to start the season. That could raise his status from handcuff to low-end RB3.

**RB Kenneth Walker III,
Seattle Seahawks**

The more training camp rolls on, the more Walker hype builds. New offensive coordinator Klint Kubiak said "we're going to ask a lot out of him" during his introductory news conference, and that's been backed up in camp so far. Health is always a question mark with Walker; he's missed a combined 10 games over his first three seasons. But if he can stay on the field there's a chance he could outperform his draft slot.

**WR Xavier Worthy,
Kansas City Chiefs**

Worthy closed his rookie season well with two top-15 WR performances in the final three weeks. He could be in for a strong start to his sophomore year in the NFL. Chiefs wideout Rashee Rice may be serving a suspension to open the season stemming from a car crash during the 2024 offseason. Whether Worthy can hold on to a large share of the targets once Rice returns is a question. Un-

til then, he's looking like an improving option as a WR3 as the regular season approaches.

**WR Deebo Samuel,
Washington Commanders**

San Francisco shipped Samuel east this offseason and he suddenly finds himself as the top wide receiver in the offense because Terry McLaurin requested a trade. Samuel dropped off in 2024 with just 806 yards from scrimmage and four touchdowns, both the lowest since his injury-shortened season in 2020.

With McLaurin's status in question amid contract negotiations, Samuel could capitalize with a larger target share through training camp. McLaurin may be off the field for a while and may need time to get up to speed once he comes back.

That gives Samuel plenty of opportunity to produce as the top wideout for reigning Offensive Rookie of the Year Jayden Daniels.

**WR Emeka Egbuka,
Tampa Bay Buccaneers**

Egbuka was widely considered one of the most pro-ready prospects in the 2025 NFL draft. That made him an attractive pick in dynasty leagues, and now he's becoming a more attractive option to have a good rookie season. Buccaneers wide receiver Chris Godwin is recovering from another surgery on his ankle and is on the physically unable to perform (PUP) list in the early parts of training camp. Egbuka's ceiling is likely capped given Mike Evans' presence and late-season riser Jalen McMillan's return for a sophomore season. He could be a low-end WR3 as the season starts, though.

TE A.J. Barner, Seattle Seahawks

Seattle released tight end Noah Fant and the former Seahawk has since signed with the Bengals. Barner is entering year two with a new offensive coordinator in Kubiak. Seattle lacks a lot of weapons in the passing game and, with Fant's departure, Barner could get a larger target share.

AMERICAN LEAGUE STATS

Athletics

BATTERS	AVG	OBP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
Cortes	.333	.364	30	4	10	1	0	1	0	2	9	0	0	0
Wilson	.312	.354	369	46	115	17	0	10	45	21	31	5	2	8
Kurtz	.304	.380	263	49	80	18	2	23	61	33	91	2	1	7
Andujar	.298	.329	218	22	65	10	1	6	27	11	30	1	0	1
Hernaiz	.278	.278	18	1	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
Rooker	.269	.343	442	69	119	24	3	23	63	48	108	4	1	1
Langeliers	.261	.313	306	42	80	18	0	19	45	25	62	5	1	5
Soderstrom	.257	.331	405	55	104	21	1	19	64	41	103	6	2	4
MacIver	.245	.288	49	4	12	4	0	2	4	3	11	2	0	3
Urias	.234	.322	256	25	60	7	0	8	20	29	39	2	0	5
Butler	.233	.304	424	61	99	24	2	15	44	43	135	17	5	1
Clarke	.230	.274	148	18	34	8	2	3	8	6	61	6	0	3
Urshela	.222	.281	153	9	34	12	1	0	17	13	33	0	1	3
Wynns	.222	.242	63	7	14	5	0	3	10	2	20	0	0	-
Muncy	.215	.258	200	17	43	7	0	9	23	9	65	1	1	10
Schuemann	.214	.316	131	16	28	1	0	2	2	11	17	26	7	1
Bleday	.206	.298	209	33	43	11	0	9	23	28	58	1	2	3
Brown	.185	.303	65	6	12	2	0	0	1	3	9	23	1	0
Alexander	.176	.176	17	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Pereda	.175	.283	40	3	7	2	0	0	0	3	6	13	0	0
Davidson	.150	.261	20	1	3	1	0	0	0	2	3	12	0	0
Avans	.133	.133	15	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0
Thomas	.120	.214	25	1	3	2	0	0	1	2	16	0	0	0
Gelof	.080	.143	25	3	2	0	0	0	1	2	13	0	0	1

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	E
MacIver	0	0	0.00	2	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kelly	2	0	1.35	19	0	0	20	15	3	3	1	9	13	0
Newcomb	2	1	2.25	22	0	0	32	24	9	8	2	10	35	0
Alvarado	0	0	3.43	17	0	0	21	17	8	8	2	11	26	0
Miller	1	2	3.76	38	0	20	38.1	21	17	16	4	18	59	0
Perkins	0	2	3.97	9	0	3	22.2	16	10	10	2	10	23	0
Lopez	4	6	3.99	17	13	0	70	64	35	31	11	30	84	0
Spring	1	7	4.00	23	21	0	126	107	67	56	21	40	102	0
Bowden	0	0	4.15	4	0	0	4.1	4	3	2	0	1	0	0
Ginn	2	3	4.28	14	7	0	48.1	46	23	23	10	15	49	0
Harris	1	1	4.35	30	0	0	41.1	43	23	20	4	25	45	0
Sterner	3	3	4.43	40	1	0	40.2	34	21	20	8	17	40	0
Morales	0	0	4.50	1	0	0	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
Spence	2	5	4.70	29	7	1	74.2	78	47	39	15	22	63	0
Severino	5	11	4.83	23	23	0	130.1	134	79	70	13	42	98	0
Sears	7	9	4.95	22	22	0	111	112	63	61	23	29	97	0
Holman	4	2	5.09	22	2	0	23	26	14	13	3	9	17	0
Krook	0	0	5.40	3	0	0	3.1	5	2	2	0	1	3	0
Nunez	0	0	5.40	1	0	0	1.2	2	1	1	1	2	1	0
Bido	2	4	5.65	15	9	0	57.1	70	40	36	13	25	37	0
Leclerc	0	1	6.00	10	0	0	9	13	6	6	3	5	8	0
Perdomo	0	0	6.00	3	0	0	3	2	2	2	0	2	2	0
Hoglund	1	3	6.40	6	6	0	32.1	38	23	23	10	11	23	0
Ferguson	2	2	6.69	36	0	1	35	31	28	26	4	22	33	0
McFarland	0	0	6.89	27	0	0	15.2	26	12	12	2	3	7	0
Maldonado	0	0	12.00	6	0	0	6	10	8	8	3	5	7	0
Murdock	1	1	13.24	14	0	0	17	26	25	25	0	20	21	0
Otanez	0	0	15.43	2	2	0	5.1	7	15	12	3	2	5	0
Alexander	0	0	18.00	4	0	0	6	12	13	12	3	6	5	0
Pereda	0	0	21.00	3	0	0	3	9	7	7	1	2	3	0
Duran	0	0	81.00	1	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	3	0	0

Baltimore

BATTERS	AVG	OBP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
Noda	1.000	1.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-
Jackson	.375	.444	8	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
Laureano	.290	.355	259	45	75	17	0	15	46	22	72	4	3	5
Henderson	.285	.356	396	63	113	25	4	13	47	98	14	4	7	0
O'Hearn	.283	.374	311	45	88	15	1	13	43	42	63	3	1	3
Westburn	.272	.319	235	45	64	9	1	12	47	12	56	1	2	2
Holliday	.258	.306	414	48	107	15	2	14	43	24	104	11	8	6
Urias	.248	.300	258	27	64	12	0	8	34	21	60	2	0	3
Mountcas-tle	.246	.280	187	19	46	13	0	2	15	8	46	1	0	0
Rutschman	.233	.318	266	34	62	15	1	8	25	49	40	0	0	2
Sanchez	.231	.297	91	13	21	2	0	5	23	4	27	0	0	4
Jackson	.229	.270	35	9	8	5	0	0	4	0	15	0	0	1
Mullins	.229	.305	314	42	72	19	0	15	49	34	85	14	4	3
Rivera	.229	.299	70	3	16	3	0	0	3	6	12	1	0	0
Cowser	.219	.288	187	23	41	9	0	9	22	13	64	6	0	1
O'Neill	.210	.296	138	19	29	6	1	7	21	15	39	2	0	1
Carlson	.206	.253	136	11	28	4	0	4	15	7	36	3	0	0
Mayo	.205	.288	112	13	23	7	0	3	14	12	29	1	0	2
Kjerstad	.192	.240	156	16	30	5	0	2	19	6	45	0	0	0
Tromp	.188	.188	16	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	4	0	0	-
Mateo	.180	.231	61	7	11	3	0	0	1	3	23	14	1	6
Stallings	.114	.139	35	1	4	1	0	0	3	1	9	0	0	-
Hendley	.077	.133	41	2	3	0	0	0	0	3	2	18	0	0
Vazquez	.063	.067	15	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0
Adams	.000	.000	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Banuelos	.000	.500	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-
Hummel	.000	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Rogers	.000	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Vavra	.000	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Vazquez	0	0	0.00	3	0	0	3.1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0
Martin	1	0	1.08	8	0	1	8.1	5	1	1	1	1	4	11
Rogers	4	2	1.44	9	9	0	56.1	29	9	9	2	13	48	0
Stroud	0	0	1.93	7	0	0	9.1	7	2	2	0	4	6	0
Hiraldo	0	0	2.08	3	0	0	4.1	3	1	1	1	1	0	2
Bautista	1	1	2.60	35	0	19	34.2	16	10	10	3	23	50	0
Dominguez	2	3	3.24	43	2	0	41.2	32	19	15	4	24	54	0
Akin	3	2	3.38	42	3	1	40	38	18	15	6	21	40	0
Suarez	0	0	3.38	8	0	0	2.2	5	2	1	0	0	2	0
Kittredge	2	2	3.45	31	0	0	31.1	26	13	12	4	8	32	0
Baker	3	2	3.52	42	0	0	38.1	33	17	15	8	9	49	0
Soto	2	2	3.96	45	0	1	36.1	29	17	16	2	18	44	0
Selby	0	2	4.09	9	0	0	11	15	5	2	2	12	0	0
Kremer	8	7	4.27	22	21	0	126.1	126	62	60	17	34	104	0
Sugano	8	5	4.42	21	21	0	114	122	58	56	21	29	76	0
Povich	2	5	5.15	13	12	0	64.2	74	40	37	10	23	68	0
Cano	1	6	5.26	45	0	1	39.1	42	25	23	5	14	39	0
Enns	0	0	5.40	1	0	0	1.2	5	1	1	0	0	3	0
Morton	7	8	5.42	23	17	0	101.1	110	63	61	16	48	101	0
Bowman	0	1	5.79	19	0	0	23.1	29	16	15	4	6	17	0
Young	0	5	5.88	9	9	0	41.1	51	29	27	8	18	38	0
Efflin	6	5	5.93	14	0	0	71.1	88	48	47	18	13	50	0
Blewett	1	0	6.17	13	1	0	23.1	25	17	16	4	8	17	0
McDermott	0	1	8.22	2	1	0	7.2	8	7	7	3	8	0	0
Perez	0	0	8.31	19	0	0	21.2	28	22	20	3	18	21	0
Wilfram	2	0	8.49	10	0	0	11.2	16	11	11	2	9	14	0
Gibson	0	3	16.78	4	4	0	12.1	29	23	23	7	10	0	0

Brogdon	2	1	4.96	31	0	0	32.2	29	20	18	7	12	27
Bachman	2	3	5.02	18	0	0	14.1	15	9	8	0	6	13
Neris	3	0	5.14	21	0	0	14	11	9	8	2	7	19
Zeferjahn	6	3	5.36	45	1	2	40.1	37	25	24	9	24	51
Kochanowicz	3	9	5.85	21	21	0	104.2	118	71	68	17	53	70
McDaniels	0	0	5.91	10	0	0	10.2	13	8	7	2	8	6
Joyce	1	0	6.23	5	0	0	4.1	5	4	3	1	1	1
Fermin	2	2	6.63	23	0	0	19	20	18	14	6	14	24
Newman	0	0	6.75	2	0	0	4	4	3	3	2	0	0
Johnson	1	1	7.36	14	0	1	14.2	24	15	12	4	5	16
Dana	0	0	7.50	2	0	0	6	7	5	5	2	5	6
S.Anderson	1	0	7.59	6	0	0	10.2	16	9	9	4	3	10
Goussia	0	0	9.00	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	1
Toussaint	0	0	9.00	1	0	0	2	4	2	2	0	1	3
Darrell-Hicks	1	0	9.39	6	0	0	7.2	10	8	8	1	4	6
Aldegheri	0	0	10.38	2	0	0	4.1	6	7	5	1	5	4
L.anderson	0	1	11.25	3	0	0	4	8	6	5	0	2	4

Minnesota

BATTERS	AVG	OBP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
Martin	.400	.400	10	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Keaschall	.368	.538	19	4	7	3	0	0	2	5	2	0	0	1
Buxton	.282	.343	326	68	92	14	4	23	59	29	97	17	0	1
Correa	.267	.319	337	40	90	19	0	7	31	26	68	0	0	9
Bastro	.258	.339	271	31	70	13	0	12	38	27	81	10	4	1
Jeffers	.254	.341	295	34	75	19	0	7	34	34	62	0	0	4
France	.251	.320	350	41	88	19	0	6	44	19	63	1	0	1
Lewis	.249	.301	193	21	48	12	0	5	22	15	29	1	0	2
Lee	.247	.287	320	28	79	10	0	10	43	16	66	2	1	5
Castro	.245	.335	302	48	74	15	2	10	27	32	84	9	3	6
Larnach	.242	.316	363	47	88	15	1	13	46	38	90	2	3	0
Clemens	.228	.304	184	26	42	7	3	12	32	17	49	1	1	-
Wallner	.215	.318	219	29	47	10	0	3	14	25	31	7	4	2
Bride	.208	.275	72	4	15	2	0	2	8	3	24	0	0	0
Julien	.190	.281	100	8	19	6	0	2	8	12	34	0	2	2
Gasper	.184	.311	38	6	7	1	0	0	2	3	12	0	0	1
Vazquez	.177	.251	175	12	31	7	0	2	13	15	33	0	1	1
McCusker	.167	.167	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	5	0	4	0	0
Miranda	.167	.167	36	2	6	0	0	0	1	5	0	13	0	1
Keirsey Jr.	.110	.141	82	10	9	0	0	2	6	2	32	8	3	0
Roden	.100	.100	10	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	-
Fitzgerald	.000	.000	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	E
Blewett	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	2.1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Castro	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ramirez	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coulombe	1	0	1.16	40	1	2	31	21	4	4	0	9	31	1
Dobnak	0	0	1.69	1	0	0	5.1	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
McCaughan	0	0	1.69	3	0	0	5.1	5	1	1	1	0	1	6
Duran	6	4	2.01	49	0	16	49.1	40	13	11	1	18	53	8
Varland	3	3	2.02	51	0	0	49	41	14	11	3	13	47	8
Stewart	2	1	2.38	39	0	0	34	26	9	9	3	11	41	1
Lopez	5	3	2.82	11	11	0	60.2	51	22	19	5	14	61	1
Ryan	10	5	2.83	22	21	0	127.1	93	42	40	14	25	141	1
Sands	3	3	3.94	47	3	2	48	45	25	21	5	12	39	1
Topa	1	3	3.94	41	1	0	45.2	50	25	20	2	12	40	1
Woods	5	4	4.24	17	16	0	80.2	78	40	38	12	35	69	1
Richardson														
Jax	1	5	4.50	50	0	0	46	46	24	23	4	13	72	1
Urena	0	0	4.50	1	1	0	4	5	2	2	1	1	3	1
Paddock	3	9	4.95	21	21	0	111	115	65	61	17	27	83	1
Festa	4	4	5.38	18	18	0	97	114	59	58	23	23	78	1
Mathews	3	4	5.40	11	10	0	53.1	49	35	32	10	19	53	1
Funderburk	2	3	5.67	7	7	0	33.1	38	21	21	4	9	42	1
Ohl	0	2	6.52	14	0	0	19.1	25	15	14	2	9	15	1
Adams	2	2	7.50	2	1	0	6	9	5	5	1	2	6	1
Tomkin	1	1	8.03	4	0	0	12.1	17	12	11	1	1	9	1
Alcala	0	0	8.10	3	0	0	3	1	3	3	3	1	1	1
Davis	0	2	8.88	22	0	0	24.1	29	25	24	5	15	28	1
Misiewicz	0	0	9.00	1	0	0	2	1	2	2	1	0	3	0
Bride	0	0	10.38	4	0	0	4.1	4	5	5	2	3	5	0
Wentz	0	0	15.00	4	0	0	6	14	10	10	1	3	2	0
Clemens	0	0	15.75	6	0	0	8	17	14	14	3	9	6	0
Clemens	0	0	18.00	1	0	0	1	3	2	2	2	0	0	0

New York

BATTERS	AVG	OBP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
Rosario	1.000	1.000	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-
Judge	.342	.449	377	90	129	24	2	37	85	73	120	6	3	1
McMahon	.281	.378	32	3	9	2	0	0	5	4	15	0	0	-
Goldschmidt	.277	.335	375	59	104	24	1	8	38	17	78	5	1	3
Bedt														
Blingler	.276	.327	402	62	111	20	5	20	65	32	58	9	2	2
Stanton	.268	.333	123	17	33	3	0	9	26	11	45	0	0	-
LeMahieu	.266	.338	128	13	34	3	0	2	12	14	35	0	0	0
Dominguez	.263	.338	319	49	84	16	1	9	37	36	98	18	2	1
Grisham	.249	.357	317	54	79	9	1	20	44	51	79	1	1	1
Chisholm Jr.	.246	.338	293	46	72	11	0	19	51	37	93	14	4	12
Cabrera	.243	.322	107	17	26	4	0	1	11	11	25	0	1	5
Rice	.231	.326	303	49	70	18	2	16	35	34	68	3	2	2
Volpe	.221	.288	398	51	83	23	4	17	60	36	106	14	7	16
Wells	.209	.268	296	35	62	15	1	15	66	22	79	5	1	2
Escarra	.205	.299	83	5	17	5	0	2	10	11	14	1	0	3
Reyes	.194	.242	31	4	6	1	0	0	2	2	10	1	0	2
Vivas	.161	.266	56	6	9	2	0	1	5	5	13	0	0	0
Peraza	.152	.212	158	18	24	5	0	3	13	11	47	3	0	5
Slater	.000	.000	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	-

PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	E
Gomez	1	0	0.00	3	0	0	6.1	1	0	0	0	4	3	0
Ottavino	0	0	0.00	3	0	0	1.2	0	0	0	0	0	4	3
de los Santos	0	0	1.78	17	0	0	25.1	25	5	5	0	12	20	0
Fried	12	4	2.62	22	22	0	134	106	50	39	10	32	125	1
Hill	4	3	2.66	53	0	0	50.2	38	19	15	5	13	26	1
Cruz	2	3	3.00	32	0	2	33	19	13	11	3	14	54	1
Weaver	2	3	3.02	40	0	8	41.2	24	16	14	7	12	42	1
Schmidt	4	4	3.32	14	14	0	78.2	56	29	29	9	30	73	1
Roden	11	7	3.34	23	23	0	134.2	91	56	50	19	52	156	1
Brubaker	0	0	3.38	12	0	0	16	10	6	6	0	9	10	0
Headrick	0	0	3.60	15	0	0	20	15	8	8	4	4	25	1
Yarbrough	3	1	3.90	16	8	0	55.1	48	24	24	10	17	49	1
Louisiga	0	1	4.23	10	0	0	29.2	34	15	14	7	10	25	0
Matzek	0	0	4.26	7	0	0	6.1	11	3	3	0	5	7	0
Hamilton	2	1	4.28	36	1	0	40	28	20	19	5	22	42	1
Leiter Jr.	4	6	4.46	41	0	2	34.1	42	22	17	3	12	46	1
Schlitter	1	2	4.58	4	4	0	19.2	22	10	10	5	11	21	1
Warren	6	5	4.64	23	23	0	110.2	107	59	57	12	51	128	1
Williams	3	3	5.01	45	0	0	17	41	30	25	23	3	17	54
Carrasco	2	2	5.91	8	6	0	32	39	21	21	7	10	25	1
Stroman	3	2	6.23	9	9	0	39	44	27	27	6	16	26	1
Effross	0	0	8.44	11	0	0	10.2	16	10	10	1	3	6	1
Winans	0	1	8.68	3	1	0	9	13	11	9	2	3	6	1
Garcia	0	0	10.13	1	0	0	2.2	3	3	3	1	2	2	0
Bednar	0	0	10.80	1	0	0	1.2	4	2	2	1	0	2	0
Gilgar	0	1	13.50	1	1	0	3.1	5	5	5	0	4	2	0

Crow- Armstrong	.267	.303	427	74	114	31	4	27	78	20	111	29	5	1
Suzuki	.249	.315	422	57	105	25	3	26	82	43	126	3	2	3
McGuire	.247	.262	81	11	20	1	0	6	16	2	17	0	0	1
Swanson	.246	.296	418	61	103	14	2	16	52	31	127	8	3	6
Happ	.227	.322	396	62	90	19	0	15	53	56	101	5	2	1
Ballesteros	.222	.300	18	3	4	1	0	0	6	2	1	0	0	0
Brulstein	.222	.234	45	6	10	3	0	0	3	1	12	2	1	3
Shaw	.221	.287	253	35	56	15	0	6	25	22	53	14	2	5
Turner	.217	.291	129	12	28	5	0	3	15	14	24	2	0	1
Berti	.212	.264	19	12	21	2	0	0	2	5	21	11	2	3
Lopez	.056	.227	18	2	1	0	0	0	1	4	3	0	0	-
Rea	.000	.000	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Workman	.000	.143	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	0	0
PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	E
Fulmer	0	0	0.00	2	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kittredge	0	0	0.00	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Kriske	0	0	0.00	4	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	5	4
Rogers	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hollowell	0	0	1.23	6	0	0	7.1	6	1	1	1	3	8	0
Palencia	1	2	155	39	0	15	40.2	26	9	7	2	11	43	0
Pomeranz	2	1	2.05	36	3	1	30.2	22	9	7	2	12	34	0
Cosgrove	0	0	2.25	2	0	0	4	3	1	1	0	1	3	3
Boyd	11	4	2.34	22	22	0	130.2	106	39	34	11	29	118	0
Thielbar	2	3	2.36	48	0	1	42	24	11	11	3	12	39	0
Keller	3	1	2.76	46	1	0	49	38	17	15	3	16	49	0
Brasier	0	0	2.95	23	1	0	21.1	17	7	7	1	4	17	0
Flexen	5	1	3.09	21	1	1	43.2	38	18	15	7	12	22	0
Imanaga	8	4	3.25	15	15	0	83	69	31	30	16	17	63	0
Horton	5	3	3.42	14	13	0	73.2	70	33	28	7	25	53	0
Rea	8	5	4.23	23	19	1	110.2	117	54	52	19	29	79	0
Pressly	2	3	4.35	44	0	5	41.1	46	24	20	6	17	28	0
Tailion	7	6	4.44	17	17	0	95.1	86	48	47	22	20	74	0
Steele	3	1	4.76	4	4	0	22.2	21	12	12	5	5	21	0
Merryweath- er	0	1	5.79	21	0	0	18.2	23	13	12	2	11	15	0

Cincinnati

BATTERS	AVG	OBP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
Wynn	.400	.442	40	6	16	3	0	3	11	3	12	0	0	0
De La Cruz	.282	.360	429	80	121	23	3	19	72	51	118	30	6	15
Marte	.278	.325	151	21	42	7	1	7	28	8	29	7	2	5
Lux	.274	.360	314	34	86	18	1	4	42	42	82	1	0	3
Hays	.273	.332	231	41	63	9	4	10	43	21	62	4	0	0
Friedl	.271	.374	191	63	106	16	2	10	36	54	70	10	3	4
Trevino	.254	.293	193	23	49	18	0	4	15	12	24	0	0	2
Espinal	.252	.305	274	24	69	12	0	0	14	20	34	2	1	3
Hayes	.250	.250	12	1	3	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Fraley	.245	.350	155	28	38	7	0	6	23	24	38	4	2	2
Steer	.238	.305	369	45	88	15	2	12	46	32	93	6	1	0
Stephenson	.238	.326	227	30	54	13	0	8	34	31	50	0	1	2
McLain	.225	.306	374	54	84	12	0	11	38	40	112	15	1	6
Ben	.224	.269	183	25	41	6	1	9	32	12	57	2	2	2
Johnson	.213	.286	61	2	13	4	0	4	6	14	2	2	2	-
Encarna- cion-Strand	.208	.234	130	13	27	4	0	6	19	9	32	0	2	4
Callihan	.167	.167	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hampson	.167	.211	18	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	-
Dunn	.150	.320	60	10	9	2	0	1	7	8	25	1	1	0
Hinds	.116	.136	43	6	5	1	0	2	3	1	21	0	0	0
Candelario	.113	.198	80	3	9	2	0	2	10	9	29	0	1	1
Hurtubise	.083	.267	12	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	0	0
Andujar	.000	.000	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-
PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	E
Abbott	8	1	2.15	19	0	0	108.2	88	32	26	11	33	96	0
Rogers	2	2	2.45	40	0	0	33	29	15	9	3	19	34	0
Santillan	1	3	2.63	55	0	3	51.1	38	15	15	5	17	50	0
Greene	4	3	2.72	11	11	0	59.2	44	18	18	9	14	73	0
Pagan	2	4	3.04	48	0	23	47.1	28	19	16	7	16	55	0
Lodolo	8	6	3.09	22	22	0	128	110	46	44	17	24	123	0
Suter	1	2	3.38	35	3	0	53.1	45	22	20	7	13	39	0
Mey	1	0	3.78	17	0	0	16.2	11	7	7	2	11	17	0
Trevino	0	0	3.86	2	0	0	2.1	4	1	1	0	1	1	0
Zulueta	0	0	3.86	2	0	0	2.1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Barlow	4	0	3.91	54	0	0	48.1	34	22	21	4	29	52	0
Richardson	0	3	3.93	33	0	0	36.2	34	22	16	2	20	30	0
Ashcraft	6	4	4.24	41	0	0	46.2	49	27	22	2	21	48	0
Singer	9	8	4.36	22	22	0	115.2	107	59	56	13	44	111	0
Martinez	9	9	4.61	24	22	0	125.1	66	65	16	31	93	0	0
Gibaut	0	1	4.62	25	0	0	25.1	26	13	13	3	8	15	0
Burns	3	0	6.04	7	7	0	28.1	30	22	19	4	12	47	0
Spiers	0	2	6.08	3	2	0	13.1	13	9	9	3	7	11	0
Miley	1	0	6.75	3	2	0	12	15	9	9	3	6	7	0
Phillips	1	0	7.20	4	0	0	5	5	4	1	4	1	4	0
Moll	1	0	8.10	13	0	0	10	11	11	9	1	6	11	0
La Sorsa	0	0	11.57	3	0	0	4.2	10	6	6	3	2	1	0
Diaz	0	0	12.00	6	0	0	6	8	8	4	5	3	0	0
Petty	0	3	19.50	3	2	0	6	14	14	13	3	8	7	0

Colorado

BATTERS	AVG	OBP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E
Bernabel	.438	.455	32	6	14	4	1	3	8	1	4	0	1	0
Freeman	.306	.392	209	31	64	16	1	1	21	25	21	13	5	1
Beck	.279	.338	366	50	102	19	5	14	42	30	111	12	7	3
Goodman	.278	.324	371	53	103	20	4	21	62	23	106	1	2	7
Moniak	.271	.317	284	43	77	13	6	17	44	18	75	5	2	5
Estrada	.265	.297	147	14	39	9	0	3	21	6	25	1	3	4
Tovar	.264	.307	178	25	47	11	2	6	17	10	42	3	2	7
Fulford	.250	.262	40	4	10	2	1	1	1	1	18	1	0	5
Ritter	.238	.291	101	13	24	4	2	1	12	7	35	0	1	5
Fernandez	.232	.246	56	5	13	2	0	1	4	1	19	0	0	1
Martini	.225	.288	102	9	23	4	0	1	4	9	18	0	0	0
Doyle	.224	.272	339	40	76	13	2	8	34	23	95	10	1	2
Hiura	.222	.333	18	3	4	1	0	1	0	7	0	0	2	2
Farmer	.217	.264	226	18	49	14	0	5	22	11	43	0	1	3
McMahon	.217	.314	350	42	76	15	1	16	35	49	127	2	1	6
Schunk	.214	.214	28	1	6	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0
Hiiliard	.196	.328	51	8	10	3	1	2	3	10	23	2	1	0
Nola	.194	.216	36	2	7	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	0
Toglia	.194	.261	299	22	58	15	1	11	32	27	126	3	0	3
Amador	.184	.273	98	5	18	6	0	1	8	11	26	1	1	3
Arcia	.180	.219	122	7	22	2	1	3	7	6	27	0	0	-
Trejo	.175	.190	40	3	7	2	0	0	1	1	7	0	0	2
Bouchard	.167	.247	66	7	11	0	1	1	7	7	27	1	1	1
Bryant	.154	.195	39	2	6	2	0	0	1	2	13	0	0	-
Miller	.143	.294	14	0	2	0	0	0	1	2	4	1	0	0

Stallings	.143	.217	84	4	12	3	0	0	6	5	31	0	0	4
Veen	.118	.189	.34	1	4	1	0	1	2	2	14	1	0	0
PITCHERS	W	L	ERA	G	GS	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	BB	SO	E
Trejo	0	0	0.00	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hill	1	0	2.70	7	0	0	6.2	5	3	2	0	7	6	0
Herget	0	1	2.91	39	0	0	58.2	57	20	19	6	19	49	0
Darnell	1	0	3.00	2	0	0	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	0
Vodnik	3	3	3.55	34	0	0	33	31	15	13	3	20	34	0
Stallings	1	0	4.05	34	0	0	40	34	23	18	4	20	38	5
Bird	0	0	4.50	1	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	1
Feltner	4	1	4.73	45	0	0	53.1	56	30	28	5	23	62	6
Gordon	0	2	4.75	6	0	0	30.1	33	17	16	4	12	25	2
Feltner	2	3	4.85	5	0	0	26.2	18	14	3	8	15	15	0
Halvorsen	1	2	4.99	42	0	11	39.2	41	26	22	7	21	36	6
Freeland	2	11	5.26	20	0	0	104.1	131	73	61	15	26	74	0
Kinley	3	3	5.66	49	0	3	47.2	42	33	30	5	27	51	0
Marquez	3	11	5.67	20	0	0	98.1	126	74	62	13	35	73	3
Alexander	1	1	6.06	19	0	0	16.1	20	11	11	4	7	6	0
Gomber	0	5	6.18	9	0	0	43.2	59	33	30	10	11	27	0
Chivilli	1	4	6.64	28	0	0	40.2	50	33	30	6	18	30	0
Dollander	2	9	6.68	15	0	0	68.2	74	55	51	15	33	52	2
Agnos	3	1	6.98	28	0	4	29.2	31	25	23	5	16	17	0
Molina	5	7	7.27	5	0	7	8.2	10	10	10	2	8	16	0
Seaver	4	14	7.24	22	21	0	105	159	91	84	19	38	56	5
Roison	0	0	7.47	23	1	0	31.1	41	28	26	9	15	18	0
Peralta	1	1	7.56	9	0	0	8.1	10	9	7	1	8	5	0
Black	3	3	7.68	9	7	0	38.2	53	33	33	8	11	18	0
Palquist	0	4	7.91	8	7	0	33	38	30	29	9	23	25	0
Farmer	0	0	9.00	1	0	0	1	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Anderson	0	0	22.50	2	0	0	2	7	5	5	0	0	0	0

BATTERS	AVG	OBP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	E	Are Blas
Smith	.269	.341	108	13	29	6	0	3	17	11	22	2	0	0	

R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA	Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
3	3	2	5	99	4.24	Profar lf	5	1	2	1	1	1	.245

Olson 1b	5	2	1	1	1	.262
Acuna Jr. rf	4	2	2	2	0	.309
Riley 3b	6	1	2	4	0	.268
Murphy c	3	0	0	0	2	1 .308
Albies 2b	2	1	0	0	3	0 .218
Ozuna dh	3	1	1	2	0	.233
Harris II cf	4	0	0	0	1	.226
Allen ss	3	2	1	0	2	1 .228
Totals	35	10	10	14	4	

2B:	Olson (26),	Riley (20),	Allen (9),	Witt Jr. (26),	Pasquantino (16),	Garcia (2)	(28).
HR:	Acuna Jr. (14),	Riley (15),	Ozuna (14),	Grichuk (1),	RBI: Profar (1),	Olson (66),	Acuna Jr. (2),
	Riley (4),	Ozuna (2),	Pasquantino (3),	Garcia (46),	Perez (63),	Fermin (2),	Frazier (3),
	Grichuk (1),	CS: Acuna Jr. (1),	SF: Frazier.	Runners left in scoring position:	Atlanta 6 (Profar, Olson, Riley, Ozuna 2, Harris II),	Kansas City 4 (India, Witt Jr., Frazier, Grichuk).	RISP: Atlanta 3 for 11, Kansas City 3 for 12.

2B: Olson (26), Riley (20), Allen (9), Witt Jr. 2 (36), Pasquantino (16), Garcia 2 (22). **HR:** Acuna Jr. (14), Riley (15), Ozuna (14), Grichuk (1). **RBI:** Profar (11), Olson (66), Acuna Jr. 2 (26), Riley 4 (52), Ozuna 2 (44), Pasquantino (63), Garcia (46), Perez (63), Fermin 2 (12), Frazier (3), Grichuk (1). **CS:** Acuna Jr. (1). **SF:** Frazier. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 6 (Profar, Olson, Riley, Ozuna 2, Harris II), Kansas City 4 (India, Witt Jr., Frazier, Grichuk). **RISP:** Atlanta 3 for 11, Kansas City 3 for 12.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Strider W, 5-8	5.0	7	2	2	2	3	96	3.71
Johnson H, 9	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	9	2.56
Hernandez H, 8	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	25	2.32
Lee	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	14	2.70
Montero	0.0	2	3	3	2	0	14	5.67
Iglesias S, 12	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	7	4.97

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Clarke L, 0-2	4.0	3	4	4	6	3	81	5.00
Hill	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	22	4.06
Long	1.1	1	1	1	2	0	30	7.78
Cruz	1.1	3	4	4	4	0	32	7.78
Bowlan	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	15	5.11

Strider pitched to 2 batters in the 6th. Montero pitched to 4 batters in the 9th. **Inherited runners:** Johnson 2-2, Iglesias 2-1, Long 1-1, Cruz 1-1. **HBP:** Perez. **IBB:** Cruz (1). **Umpires:** HP-Iassogna, 1B-Barry, 2B-Bucknor, 3B-Beck. T: 3:07. A: 23,850 (37,957).

Milwaukee 8, Chicago Cubs 4

CHC	000	000	100	-	4	6	0
Milwaukee	.004	011	20x	-	8	10	1

Chicago Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Busch 1b	3	1	2	0	1	1	.278
Tucker rf	3	1	1	1	2	0	.275
Suzuki dh	4	1	1	1	2	1	.251
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.267
Kelly c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.273
Happ lf	4	0	1	1	0	0	.226
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.249
Hoerner 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.289
Shaw 3b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.223
Totals	32	4	6	2	5	14	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Frellick rf	4	2	2	1	1	1	.295
Chourio cf-If	3	0	0	0	2	1	.274
Contreras c	4	2	2	0	0	0	.245
Yelich dh	4	2	2	3	0	0	.258
Vaughn 1b	3	2	1	1	1	0	.341
Collins lf	4	0	2	2	0	0	.278
Perkins cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Turang 2b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.276
Durbin 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.258
Ortiz ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.210
Totals	32	8	10	8	5	3	

E: Misirowski. **2B:** Yelich (12), HR: Frellick (8), Yelich (20), Vaughn (4). **RBI:** Tucker (59), Happ (50), Frellick (40), Yelich 3 (69), Vaughn (15), Collins 2 (30), Turang (44). **SF:** Turang. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago Cubs 4 (Suzuki 2, Crow-Armstrong, Hoerner), Milwaukee 3 (Yelich, Durbin, Ortiz). **RISP:** Milwaukee 3 for 9, Milwaukee 2 for 6. **GIDP:** Contreras. **DP:** Chicago Cubs 1.

Chicago Cubs	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Boyd L, 11-4	5.0	6	5	5	5	2	90	2.47
Pressly	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	11	3.79
Flexen	2.0	3	2	2	0	1	25	3.09

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Misiorowski	4.0	3	3	2	2	7	80	2.70
Hall	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	16	1.93
Mears W, 2-3 H, 14	1.0	1	0	0	0	2	13	2.88
Anderson H, 5	0.1	1	1	1	0	1	11	3.14
Koenig H, 20	0.2	1	0	0	0	1	9	3.71
Uribe	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	9	2.10
Yoho	0.2	0	0	0	2	0	16	8.22
Megill S, 24	0.1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2.19

Chicago Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Carroll rf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.245
Marte 2b	4	0	2	0	0	0	.288

Perdomo ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.272
Suarez 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.248
a-Alexander pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Del Castillo dh	4	0	1	0	0	1	.308
Gurriel Jr. lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.247
English 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.063
Thomas cf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.245
Herrera c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.182
Totals	31	7	1	1	6		

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Vierling cf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.212
Torres 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.276
Jones dh	2	1	0	0	1	1	.230
b-Keith ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Torkelson 1b	4	0	2	1	0	1	.240
Greene lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.271
Ibanez 3b	4	2	2	1	0	2	.224
Dingler c	4	2	3	1	0	1	.279
Perez rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.235
Baez ss	3	0	1	1	0	1	.267
Totals	32	5	10	5	2	9	

a-ran for Suarez in 9th. b-grounded into a double play for Jones in 7th. **E:** Thomas. **2B:** Vierling (2), Ibanez (5). **HR:** Thomas (6), Ibanez (3), Dingler (9). **RBI:** Thomas (27), Vierling (7), Torkelson (63), Ibanez (16), Dingler (40), Baez (41). **CS:** Gurriel Jr. (3). **Runners left in scoring position:** Arizona 2 (Suarez, Gurriel Jr.), Detroit 3 (Vierling, Torres, Greene). **RISP:** Detroit 3 for 8. **GIDP:** Del Castillo, Gurriel Jr., Vierling, Keith. **DP:** Arizona 2, Detroit 3.

Arizona	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rodriguez L, 3-7	6.0	8	5	5	2	5	95	5.63
Graveman	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	10	6.08
Bachhus	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	17	2.31

Detroit	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Melton W, 1-1	7.0	5	0	0	0	5	87	4.50
Kahle	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	21	4.71
Vest	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	14	2.53

HBP: Suarez. **Umpires:** HP-MacKay, 1B-Porter, 2B-Wolf, 3B-Segal. T: 2:10. A: 23,124 (40,988).

Baltimore 11, Toronto 4

Toronto	003	100	000	-	4	11	1
Baltimore	.033	040	10x	-	11	16	0

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Lukes cf-If	5	1	1	1	0	2	.264
Springer dh	3	1	0	0	1	1	.291
b-Jimenez pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	.071
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	1	2	2	1	0	.294
Bichette ss	5	0	4	0	0	0	.295
Barger rf-3b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.264
Clement 2b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.278
Loperfido lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.341
a-Straw ph-cf	1	0	1	0	0	0	.246
Heinemann c	3	0	1	0	0	0	.327
Wagner 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.236
c-Schneider ph-If	1	0	0	0	0	0	.205
Totals	36	4	11	4	2	7	

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Holliday 2b	5	0	0	0	0	3	.260
Westburg 3b	5	1	3	0	0	0	.258
Stephenson ss	4	1	0	0	1	1	.279
Rutschman c	5	2	3	2	0	1	.235
O'Hearn dh	5	2	2	1	0	1	.284
Laureano rf	4	1	2	3	0	1	.279
Cowser lf	3	2	1	1	1	0	.219
Mullins cf	3	1	2	2	1	0	.221
Mayo 1b	4	0	3	2	0	0	.240
Totals	38	11	16	11	3	7	

a-singled for Loperfido in 8th. b-ran for Springer in 9th. c-flied out for Wagner in 8th. **E:** Clement. **2B:** Rutschman 2 (11), O'Hearn (15), Mullins (16). **3B:** Heineman (1). **HR:** Lukes (8), Guerrero Jr. (15), Laureano (15), Cowser (9), Mullins (15), Mayo (3). **RBI:** Lukes (38), Guerrero Jr. 2 (56), Wagner (7), Rutschman 2 (22), O'Hearn (40), Laureano 3 (46), Cowser (19), Mullins 2 (47), Mayo 2 (14). **S:** Heineman. **Runners left in scoring position:** Toronto 4 (Lukes 2, Bichette, Clement), Baltimore 4 (Holliday, Westburg 2, O'Hearn). **RISP:** Baltimore 4 for 10. **GIDP:** Bichette, O'Hearn, Cowser. **DP:** Toronto 2, Baltimore 1.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bassitt L, 11-5	2.1	7	6	6	1	4	69	4.24
Fluharty	1.2	2	0	0	0	1	24	4.93
Little	0.1	4	4	4	1	1	24	2.64
Nance	1.2	1	0	0	0	1	17	1.35
Bruhl	1.0	2	1	1	1	0	13	6.48
Fisher	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	21	2.59

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Effin	4.1	8	4	4	1	3	79	5.93
Martin W, 1-0	1.2	1	0	0	0	4	21	1.42
Selby	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	10	4.09
Wolfram	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	12	9.31
Stroud	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	16	2.84

Inherited runners: Fluharty 1-1, Nance 2-1, Martin 2-2. **HBP:** Springer. **Umpires:** HP-Walsh, 1B-Ripperger, 2B-Mahrlay, 3B-Carapazza. T: 2:52. A: 20,176 (44,487).

St. Louis 7, Miami 1

Miami	000	000	000	01	-	1	4	3
St. Louis	.001	100	50x	-	7	8	0	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Edwards 2b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.293
Sanchez rf	2	1	1	0	2	1	.257
Ramirez c	4	0	0	0	0	0	.238
Hernandez lf	4	0	1	1	0	1	.320

Lopez ss	3	0	0	0	0	0	.246
Winkler ss	1	0	1	0	0	0	.167
Hicks dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.265
Wagman 1b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.234
Pauley 3b	3	0	1	0	0	1	.219
Myers cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Totals	31	1	4	1	2	6	

Walls ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.223
Totals	35	5	7	5	3	10	
N.Y. Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Grisham cf	3	0	0	0	1	2	.246
Rice dh	2	1	0	0	2	0	.228
Goldschmidt 1b	4	0	1	0	2	0	.283
Bellinger rf	3	1	1	3	1	0	.282
Chisholm Jr. 2b	4	0	0	0	0	3	.245
Dominguez lf	4	1	2	0	0	1	.262
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	2	0	.308
Volpe ss	4	2	2	2	0	1	.216
Wells c	3	2	0	0	1	0	.211
Totals	31	7	6	6	5	11	

a-fouled out for DeLuca in 8th. b-ran for Diaz in 9th. c-grounded into a fielder's choice for Fortes in 9th.

E: Caballero, Fortes, Volpe 2. **2B:** Walls (11), Dominguez (16). **3B:** DeLuca (2), Lowe (1). **HR:** Aranda (12), Bellinger (20), Volpe (15). **RBI:** Aranda (52), DeLuca (2) (3), Gray (1), Walls (36), Goldschmidt (38), Bellinger 3 (61), Volpe 2 (57). **SB:** Mangum (15), Dominguez (16), Volpe (12), Wells 2 (5). **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 5 (Diaz, Aranda 2, Simpson, Lowe), N.Y. Yankees 3 (Chisholm Jr. 2, Volpe). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 1 for 10, N.Y. Yankees 3 for 9. **GIDP:** Morel. **DP:** N.Y. Yankees 1.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Boyle L, 1-1	3.1	4	6	4	3	6	77	2.82
Montgomery	0.2	1	0	0	2	1	21	5.45
Seymour	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	16	1.69
Englert	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	7	3.64
Baker	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	4.30
Kelly	1.0	1	1	1	0	1	12	6.00

N.Y. Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Fried W, 12-4	6.2	4	4	2	2	9	111	2.62
Loaisiga H, 7	1.1	2	0	0	0	1	11	4.45
Williams S, 17	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	25	4.63

Inherited runners: Montgomery 2-0, Loaisiga 1-1. **Umpires:** HP-Guccione, 1B-Rackley, 2B-Whitson, 3B-Moscocco. T: 2:46. A: 35,660 (46,672).

Philadelphia 6, Chi. White Sox 3

PHI024	000	000	-	6	9	2	
CHW000	000	003	-	3	5	0	

Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Turner ss	5	1	2	0	0	1	.292
Schwarber dh	4	1	2	2	1	0	.256
Harper 1b	3	0	1	0	1	1	.266
Realmutto c	4	1	1	0	0	2	.270
Castellanos rf	3	1	0	0	1	0	.266
Marsh cf	4	2	2	2	0	0	.258
Kepler lf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.203
Kemp 3b	3	0	0	1	0	0	.235
Stott 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.232
Totals	33	6	9	6	3	5	

Chi. White Sox	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Meidroth ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	.250
Slater rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Quero dh	4	1	2	0	0	0	.276
Vargas 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.227
Robert Jr. cf	1	0	1	0	1	0	.206
Montgomery 3b	4	0	0	1	0	0	.257
Sosa 2b	4	1	2	2	0	0	.274
Taylor lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.214
a-Tauchman ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.284
Teel c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.267
Totals	34	3	5	3	1	5	

a-was announced for Taylor in 9th.

E: Kemp, Luzardo. **2B:** Turner (23), Schwarber (16), Marsh (12), Stott (12). **HR:** Schwarber (37), Marsh (4), Sosa (10). **RBI:** Schwarber 2 (86), Marsh 2 (23), Kepler (33), Kemp (15), Montgomery (17), Sosa 2 (40). **SF:** Kepler, Kemp. **Runners left in scoring position:** Philadelphia 2 (Schwarber, Realmuto), Chi. White Sox 3 (Slater, Montgomery 2). **RISP:** Philadelphia 1 for 4, Chi. White Sox 1 for 6. **GIDP:** Castellanos. **DP:** Chi. White Sox 1.

Philadelphia	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Luzardo W, 9-5	7.0	2	0	0	1	4	90	4.31
Romano	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	6.81
Robert	1.0	3	3	3	0	0	19	5.79

Chi. White Sox	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Cannon L, 4-8	6.0	7	6	6	2	3	87	4.77
Gilbert	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	20	3.03
Altavilla	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	21	2.05

Umpires: HP-Bellino, 1B-Vondrak, 2B-Bacon, 3B-Cuzzi. T: 2:14. A: 20,730 (40,615).

L.A. Dodgers 5, Cincinnati 4

LAD020	000	201	-	5	11	0	
CIN000	310	000	-	4	6	2	

L.A. Dodgers	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Betts ss	4	1	2	0	1	1	.243
Ohtani dh	5	0	0	0	0	4	.272
Smith c	5	0	2	2	0	2	.325
Freeman 1b	5	1	3	1	0	1	.296
Hernandez rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.254
Pages cf-lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.281
Edman 3b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.226
Rojas 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.250
Ruiz lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.190
b-Conforto ph-lf	0	1	0	0	2	0	.195
e-Outman pr-cf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.103
Totals	37	5	11	5	3	14	
Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Lux lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.270
c-Stephenson ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.236

McLain 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.219
De La Cruz ss	4	0	1	1	0	0	.282
Hays dh	3	1	1	0	1	1	.281
Fraley rf	1	1	1	2	1	0	.250
a-Espinal ph-3b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Steer 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.239
Marte 3b-rf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.276
Joe rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.186
Benson cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.209
d-Hinds ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.116
Trevino c	4	1	1	0	0	0	.258
Totals	32	4	6	4	5	6	

a-popped out for Fraley in 5th. b-walked for Ruiz in 7th. c-struck out for Lux in 9th. d-struck out for Benson in 9th. e-ran for Conforto in 9th.

E: Lodolo, De La Cruz. **2B:** Smith (17), Hernandez (20), De La Cruz (23), Trevino (18). **HR:** Edman (12), Fraley (6), Marte (7). **RBI:** Smith 2 (50), Freeman (54), Edman 2 (44), De La Cruz (68), Fraley 2 (23), Marte (28). **CS:** Betts (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** L.A. Dodgers 6 (Smith 2, Freeman, Hernandez, Edman 2), Cincinnati 4 (Hays, Steer 2, Marte). **RISP:** L.A. Dodgers 2 for 10, Cincinnati 1 for 6. **GIDP:** Marte, Trevino. **DP:** L.A. Dodgers 2.

L.A. Dodgers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Glasnow	4.0	4	4	4	5	3	84	3.38
Dreyer	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	9	2.87
Casparius	11	0	0	0	0	1	14	4.88
Banda	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	7	3.64
Diaz W, 1-0	11	0	0	0	0	8	7.71	
Vesia S, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	12	2.42
Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lodolo	5.1	6	2	2	1	11	94	3.90
Barlow H, 12	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	7	3.94
Aschcraft BS, 4	1.0	3	2	2	1	2	27	4.00
Santillan	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.74
Pagan L, 2-3	1.0	1	1	1	1	1	25	2.78

Glasnow pitched to 3 batters in the 5th.

Inherited runners: Dreyer 3-2, Casparius 3-3, Diaz 1-1. **WP:** Glasnow. **Umpires:** HP-Visconti, 1B-Jones, 2B-Lentz, 3B-Fletcher. T: 2:54. A: 36,135 (45,814).

Miami 5, St. Louis 0

MIA020	012	000	-	5	12	0	
STL000	000	000	-	0	4	0	

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Edwards 2b	5	0	2	1	0	0	.295
Sanchez rf	5	0	0	0	0	2	.252
Ramirez dh	5	0	0	1	0	0	.238
Stowers lf	3	1	2	0	1	1	.302
Lopez ss	4	0	2	1	0	0	.249
Hicks c	4	0	0	0	0	1	.259
Johnston 1b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.500
b-Myers ph-cf	2	1	1	0	0	0	.257
Sanjia cf-3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.240
Pauley 3b	2	1	1	2	1	0	.224
a-Wagaman ph-1b	2	1	1	0	0	0	.236
Totals	38	5	12	5	1	5	

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Winn ss	5	0	2	0	0	1	.270
Herrera dh	2	0	0	0	1	2	.305
Burleson lf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.286
Contreras 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.259
Arenado 3b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.235
Walker rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.229
Sagsege 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	.234
Pages c	3	0	1	0	0	2	.201
Scott II cf	1	0	0	0	2	0	.227
Totals	27	0	4	0	5	10	

a-doubled for Pauley in 6th. b-singled for Johnston in 6th.

2B: Ramirez (24), Stowers (18), Wagaman (21). **3B:** Edwards (3). **HR:** Pauley (1). **RBI:** Edwards (27), Lopez (55), Pauley 2 (7), Wagaman (34). **CS:** Lopez (5). **SB:** Ramirez (3), Scott II 2 (29). **Runners left in scoring position:** Miami 2 (Sanchez, Lopez), St. Louis 3 (Burleson 3). **RISP:** Miami 2 for 4. **GIDP:** Contreras, Walker. **DP:** Miami 3.

Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Alcantara W, 6-9	5.0	3	0	0	3	4	94	6.36
Faucher	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	20	3.83
Herniquez	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	3.00
Bellizco	2.0	0	0	0	1	3	28	3.34
St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gray L, 10-5	5.0	8	3	3	1	5	91	4.38
Matz	1.0	3	2	2	0	0	24	3.44
Swanson	2.0	1	0	0	0	0	19	3.10
King	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	6	5.18
Leahy	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.79

HBP: Winn, Herrera. **WP:** Alcantara. **Umpires:** HP-O'Nora, 1B-Estabrook, 2B-Diaz, 3B-Bacchus. T: 2:58. A: 20,523 (44,383).

Boston 8, Minnesota 5

BOS004	011	002	-	8	10	2	
MIN000	010	202	-	5	10	2	

Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Anthony dh	4	1	1	1	1	1	.275
Bregman 3b	5	2	1	0	0	1	.298
Duran lf	4	1	2	1	1	1	.261
Story ss	5	2	2	3	0	2	.247
Abreu rf	4	0	1	1	1	0	.250
Narvaez c	5	1	1	0	0	0	.257
Toro 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0	.271
Hamilton 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.173
Rafaela cf	3	1	1	1	0	0	.263
Totals	37	8	10	7	3	6	
Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.

San Diego	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Tatis Jr. rf	3	2	1	0	1	1	.269
Arraez 1b	4	0	2	0	1	0	.295
Machado 3b	5	2	2	0	1	0	.302
Merrill cf	4	0	0	1	0	1	.259
Bogaerts dh	4	0	1	0	1	2	.267
Cronenworth 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.239
Iglesias ss	4	1	0	0	0	0	.234
Sheets lf	2	1	1	2	1	1	.249
Johnson If	0	0	0	0	1	0	.333
Maldonado c	4	1	2	0	0	1	.204
Totals	33	5	9	5	5	8	

E: Lindor. **2B:** Nimmo (21). **HR:** Sheets (15). **RBI:** Machado 2 (71), Merrill (41), Sheets 2 (54). **SB:** Machado (10), Sheets (2). **SF:** Merrill. **Runners left in scoring position:** N.Y. Mets 1 (Lindor), San Diego 8 (Arraez 2, Merrill 2, Bogaerts, Cronenworth 2, Iglesias). **RISP:** San Diego 1 for 11.

N.Y. Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Holmes L, 9-6	3.2	8	4	2	2	3	79	3.45
Garrett	1.1	0	0	0	1	2	22	2.70
Stanek	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	3.82
Raley	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	16	0.00
Garcia	1.0	1	1	1	1	2	13	0.84

San Diego	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Darvish W, 1-3	7.0	2	0	0	0	7	76	6.46
Adam	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	16	.897
Suarez	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	15	.343

Inherited runners: Garrett 2-2. **HBP:** Tatis Jr., Cronenworth. **WP:** Garcia. **Umpires:** HP-Thomas, 1B-Eddings, 2B-Jimenez, 3B-Muchlinski. T: 2:25. A: 42,627 (39,860).

Pittsburgh 2, San Francisco 1 (10)	PIT	000	010	000	1-2	7	0
SF	000	100	000	0-1	6	0	0

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Horwitz 1b	4	0	2	1	1	2	.252
McCutchen dh	4	0	0	0	1	2	.244
Reynolds rf	4	0	1	0	2	2	.232
Cruz cf	4	0	1	0	1	3	.217
Gonzales 2b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.253
Perkins cf	3	0	0	0	2	2	.104
Suwinski lf	4	0	1	1	1	1	.175
Davis c	5	0	1	0	1	0	.250
Peguero ss	4	1	1	0	1	0	.265
Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.205
Totals	36	2	7	2	7	14	

San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Ramos lf	5	1	1	0	2	0	.267
Devers dh	3	0	0	0	1	2	.219
Adames ss	4	0	1	0	2	2	.238
Chapman 3b	4	0	0	0	2	2	.237
Smith 1b	4	0	2	1	0	2	.265
a-Wisely pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.208
Lee cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Schmitt 2b-1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	.242
Yastrzemski rf	3	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Bailey c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.205
Totals	34	1	6	1	1	10	

a-ran for Smith in 9th. **2B:** Horwitz (13). **RBI:** Horwitz (24), Davis (13), Smith (12). **SB:** Peguero (1). **S:** Yastrzemski, Bailey. **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 9 (Gonzales 4, Peguero 2, Kiner-Falefa 3), San Francisco 4 (Ramos 2, Devers, Lee). **RISP:** San Francisco 2 for 8. **GIDP:** Gonzales. **DP:** San Francisco 1.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Burrows	6.0	3	1	1	1	7	91	3.88
Mlodzinski	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	19	4.34
Mattson W, 3-1	2.0	2	0	0	0	3	26	2.13

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Webb	5.2	5	1	1	4	11	09	3.31
Bivens	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	3	4.56
Gage	0.2	1	0	0	1	0	14	0.00
Beck	1.1	0	0	0	1	0	17	4.44
Doval	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	16	3.09
Walker L, 2-4	1.0	0	1	0	1	0	21	4.12

Inherited runners: Bivens 1-1, Beck 2-2. **HBP:** Gonzales. **Umpires:** HP-Kulpa, 1B-Tosi, 2B-Gonzalez, 3B-Ballou. T: 2:41. A: 38,144 (42,300).

Houston 9, Washington 1	WAS	000	010	000	0-1	5	2
HOU	000	130	005	00x	-9	10	0

Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Abrams ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.275
Tena 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.248
Wood lf	4	0	1	0	2	2	.263
Garcia Jr. 2b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.268
Bell dh	3	1	2	0	0	1	.221
Lowie 1b	4	0	1	0	2	2	.226
DeJong 3b-ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	.230
Lile rf	2	0	0	1	0	1	.240
Millas c	4	0	1	0	1	0	.318
Young cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.236
Totals	30	1	5	1	4	9	

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Altuve 2b	4	3	4	3	0	0	.284
Diaz c	4	1	2	3	0	1	.252
Walker dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	.237
Smith rf	3	0	1	1	0	2	.258
Caratini 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.257
Dubon 3b	3	2	1	0	0	1	.269
Hummel lf	3	1	1	2	0	1	.172
Trammell lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.250
McCormick cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Short ss	3	2	1	0	1	0	.220
Totals	32	9	10	9	2	7	

E: DeJong, Millas. **HR:** Altuve (18), Diaz (15), Hummel (3). **RBI:** Lile (14), Altuve 3 (57), Diaz 3 (44), Smith (45), Hummel 2 (7).

CS: Walker (1). **SF:** Lile, Smith. **Runners left in scoring position:** Washington 2 (Millas, Young). **RISP:** Houston 2 for 6. **GIDP:** Wood. **DP:** Washington 1, Houston 1.

Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gore L, 4-11	5.1	8	6	6	1	4	97	3.80
Henry	0.2	2	3	3	1	0	13	3.96
Pilkington	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	18	0.00
Bryzky	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	15	7.06
Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gusto W, 7-4	6.0	4	1	1	1	5	102	4.92
Neris	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	19	4.09
Okert	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	2.98
Contreras	1.0	0	0	0	2	1	29	6.75

HBP: Walker. **WP:** Gore 3. **Umpires:** HP-Additon, 1B-Wills, 2B-Barksdale, 3B-Little. T: 2:41. A: 31,357 (41,592).

Chicago Cubs 10, Milwaukee 3									
CHC		104	003	002	-	10	11	0	
MIL		100	110	000	-	3	7	0	

Chicago Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Busch 1b	5	1	1	1	0	1	.275
Tucker rf	3	1	2	2	2	0	.276
Sutcliffe lf	3	0	1	0	2	2	.249
Crow-Armstrong cf	4	2	3	1	0	1	.272
Kelly c	5	1	0	0	0	0	.267
Hoerner 2b	3	1	0	1	1	1	.291
Ballesteros dh	2	0	1	3	0	0	.222
e-Turner ph-dh	1	1	1	0	0	0	.211
d-Happ ph-dh	2	1	1	1	0	1	.228
Swanson ss	5	1	1	1	0	1	.248
Shaw 3b	4	1	1	0	2	2	.224
Totals	37	10	11	10	5	9	

Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Frelick rf	3	0	0	1	0	1	.292
Collins lf	3	0	0	0	3	3	.274
a-Monasterio ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.184
Contreras c	4	2	2	2	0	0	.250
Yelich dh	3	0	0	0	2	2	.254
b-Jansen ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Vaughn 1b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.365
Durbin 3b-ss	4	0	1	0	0	0	.257
Turking 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.271
Perkins cf	3	1	2	0	1	0	.269
Ortiz ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.245
c-Seigler ph-3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.185
Totals	33	3	7	3	0	10	

a-fouled out for Collins in 8th. b-struck out for Yelich in 9th. c-popped out for Ortiz in 7th. d-struck out for Turner in 7th. e-doubled for Ballesteros in 6th. **2B:** Tucker (21), Crow-Armstrong 2 (30), Ballesteros (1), Turner (5), Swanson (14), Perkins (2). **HR:** Busch (21), Happ (15), Contreras 2 (8). **RBI:** Busch (61), Tucker 2 (4), Crow-Armstrong (78), Hoerner (44), Ballesteros 3 (6), Happ (51), Swanson (51), Frelick (41), Contreras 2 (45). **SF:** Hoerner, Frelick. **Runners left in scoring position:** Chicago Cubs 4 (Hoerner 3, Swanson), Milwaukee 1 (Turang). **RISP:** Chicago Cubs 5 for 13, Milwaukee 1 for 2.

Chicago Cubs	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Imanaga W, 8-4	5.0	5	3	3	0	8	89	3.25
Keller	2.0	1	0	0	1	0	26	.387
Thielbar	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	8	.201
Palencia	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	17	1.40

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peralta L, 12-5	4.0	5	5	5	4	3	85	3.08
Hall	1.0	3	3	3	0	1	22	.719
Koenig	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	18	3.68
Anderson	1.2	0	0	0	0	3	17	3.04
McGee	2.0	2	2	2	0	2	24	4.00

Hall pitched to 3 batters in the 6th. **Inherited runners:** Koenig 2-0, Anderson 3-3. **HBP:** Crow-Armstrong. **Umpires:** HP-Libka, 1B-Barber, 2B-Hoye, 3B-Reyburn. T: 2:40. A: 42,807 (40,100).

Kansas City 1, Atlanta 0 (10)	ATL	000	000	000	0-0	5	0
KC	000	000	000	0-1	3	0	0

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Profar lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.245
Olson 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.264
Harris II cf	4	0	1	0	1	1	.231
Ozuna dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	.233
c-Kelenic pr-dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.167
Albies 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1	.221
Murphy c	3	0	0	0	1	2	.226
White rf	4	0	0	0	0	3	.250
Allen ss	2	0	1	0	0	1	.228
a-Baldwin ph	1	0	1	0	0	0	.280
d-Williams pr-ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	.100
Totals	35	0	5	0	1	10	

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Garcia 3b	3	0	1	0	1	0	.301
Witt Jr. ss	4	0	0	0	0	3	.288
Pasquantino 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.266
b-Melendez pr	0	1	0	0	0	0	.083
Perez dh	4	0	1	1	0	1	.254
Grichuk rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.231
Fermin c	3	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Frazier 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.261
Tolbert lf	3	0	1	0	0	1	.208
Isbel cf	2	0	0	0	1	1	.247
Totals	28	1	3	1	3	9	

a-singled for Allen in 8th. b-ran for Pasquantino in 10th. c-ran for Ozuna in 10th. d-ran for Baldwin in 8th. **RBI:** Perez (64). **CS:** Isbel (2). **SB:** Williams (4). **Runners left in scoring position:**

Atlanta 4 (Olson, Harris II, White, Williams). **RISP:** Atlanta 1 for 11, Kansas City 1 for 1. **GIDP:** Perez. **DP:** Atlanta 1.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wentz	6.2	1	0	0	3	7	95	3.07
Johnson	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.54
Lee	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	16	.264
Iglesias	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	.485
Hernandez L, 4-2	0.0	1	1	1	0	0	2	.261
Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Zerpa	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	16	.406
Bowlan	2.0	0	0	0	1	3	33	.473
Schreiber	1.0	0	0	0	0	3	16	.316
Clarke	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	.394

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Martinez	6.0	4	2	2	2	7103	4.61	
Mey	1.0	1	0	0	1	0	12	4.11
Moll	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	15	5.19
Barlow W, 4-0	0.2	1	0	0	0	0	10	3.88
Santillan S, 3	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	17	2.68

Ohtani pitched to 3 batters in the 4th.

Inherited runners: Banda 3-2, Treinen 1-0, Barlow 2-2. **HBP:** Freeland. **WP:** Ohtani 2. **Umpires:** HP-Jones, 1B-Lentz, 2B-Fletcher, 3B-Visconti. T: 2:42. A: 32,976 (45,814).

Texas 6, L.A. Angels 3

TEX.....000	101	040	-	6	11	1
LAA.....000	100	020	-	3	8	1

Texas	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Smith 1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	.274
Seager ss	5	1	1	0	0	3	.269
Semien 2b	5	2	3	1	0	0	.231
Garcia rf	5	1	1	2	0	1	.227
Langford lf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.242
Higashioka dh	4	1	2	0	0	1	.268
Carter cf	3	0	1	1	0	1	.247
Jung 3b	4	0	1	0	2	2	.249
Heim c	3	0	0	1	1	1	.220
Totals	32	6	11	6	3	10	

L.A. Angels	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Neto ss	4	0	1	0	0	1	.273
Trout dh	4	1	1	0	0	2	.235
Schanuel 1b	4	1	1	2	0	1	.277
Ward lf	4	0	2	0	0	0	.232
Adell cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.234
Moncada 3b	4	1	1	0	0	2	.221
O'Hoppe c	2	0	0	0	2	1	.241
Rengifo 2b	4	0	2	1	0	0	.244
Campero rf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.159
Totals	34	3	8	3	2	8	

E: Smith, Adell. **2B:** Semien (12), Langford (15). **3B:** Higashioka (1). **HR:** Garcia (15), Schanuel (9). **RBI:** Semien (53), Garcia (26), Langford (43), Carter (21), Heim (65), Schanuel 2 (45), Rengifo (26). **SB:** Semien (11). **Runners left in scoring position:** Texas 5 (Smith 3, Higashioka, Jung), L.A. Angels 4 (Schanuel 2, Campero 2). **RISP:** Texas 5 for 13, L.A. Angels 2 for 6. **GIDP:** Garcia, Adell 2. **DP:** Texas 2, L.A. Angels 1.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Eovaldi W, 9-3	7.0	6	1	1	2	4	92	1.49
Milner	0.1	2	2	2	0	1	17	2.52
Armstrong H, 9	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	16	2.94
Garcia S, 9	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	2.61

L.A. Angels	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Soriano L, 7-8	7.0	5	2	1	2	7	96	3.65
Detmers	0.2	2	3	3	0	2	20	4.41
Bachman	0.0	3	1	1	0	1	17	5.02
Fulmer	1.1	1	0	0	0	1	20	3.95

Bachman pitched to 4 batters in the 8th. **Inherited runners:** Bachman 1-0, Fulmer 3-3. **WP:** Eovaldi, Soriano 2, Detmers. **Umpires:** HP-Metz, 1B-Morales, 2B-Valentine, 3B-Hudson. T: 2:42. A: 27,162.

Athletics 5, Seattle 4

SEA.....100	000	201	-	4	4	0
ATH.....200	110	10x	-	5	9	0

Seattle	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Crawford ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.265
Rodriguez cf	4	1	1	1	0	1	.255
Raleigh dh	4	0	0	0	1	1	.257
Arozarena lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.249
Naylor 1b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.227
Polanco 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.252
Garver c	3	0	0	0	0	1	.222
Canzone rf	3	0	0	0	1	1	.283
Williamson 3b	1	0	0	0	1	1	.253
a-Young ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.239
Moore 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.197
Totals	31	4	4	4	2	7	

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Butler cf	4	0	0	0	0	1	.234
Kurtz 1b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.302
Rooker dh	4	1	2	1	0	0	.274
Langeliens c	4	1	1	0	0	0	.253
Soderstrom lf	4	0	1	1	0	2	.255
Andujar 3b	4	2	2	1	0	1	.298
Cortes rf	3	0	1	0	1	1	.292
Schuemann 2b	2	0	0	0	0	1	.220
Haines ss	3	1	2	1	0	0	.429
Totals	31	5	9	5	1	9	

a-was announced for Williamson in 8th. **2B:** Soderstrom (18). **HR:** Rodriguez (19), Arozarena (21), Polanco (17), Rooker (23), Andujar 2 (6), Hernaiz (1). **RBI:** Rodriguez (56), Arozarena (53), Polanco 2 (50), Rooker (62), Soderstrom (61), Andujar 2 (27), Hernaiz (1). **SB:** Rooker (4), Langeliens (5), Hernaiz (1). **S:** Schuemann. **Runners left in scoring position:** Seattle 1 (Raleigh), Athletics 4 (Kurtz 2, Andujar 2). **RISP:** Athletics 2 for 6. **GIDP:** Rooker. **DP:** Seattle 1.

Seattle	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wool L, 8-6	6.1	8	5	5	1	6	84	3.11
Speier	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	7	2.48
Bazardo	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	18	2.65

Athletics	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Springs W, 10-7	6.0	2	1	1	1	7	89	4.00
Sternher H, 9	1.0	1	2	2	1	20	4.35	

Perkins S, 3	2.0	1	1	1	0	0	23	2.75
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Inherited runners: Speier 2-2. **Balk:** Springs (3). **Umpires:** HP-Conroy, 1B-Tumpane, 2B-Miller, 3B-Rehak. T: 2:16. A: 9,165.

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N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 4

Tampa Bay ..000	400	000	-	4	7	1
N.Y. Yankees 331	000	00x	-	7	8	0

Tampa Bay	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Simpson lf	2	0	0	0	0	1	.287
Mangum lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.286
Lowe 2b-1b-2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.275
Diaz dh	0	0	0	0	0	0	.283
a-Morel ph-dh	3	1	1	0	0	1	.206
Aranda 1b	2	0	1	1	0	0	.316
Caballero 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.226
Thaiss 1b	1	0	1	0	0	0	.218
Camrino 3b	3	0	0	1	0	1	.252
Lowe rf	4	1	0	0	0	1	.240
DeLuca cf	4	1	1	1	0	2	.389
Walls ss	3	0	1	1	0	2	.225
Fortes c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.000
Totals	32	4	7	4	0	9	

N.Y. Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Rice c	4	1	1	3	0	0	.230
Goldschmidt 1b	4	1	1	0	0	3	.282
Bellinger cf-lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	.283
Stanton dh	4	1	1	2	0	1	.270
Chisholm Jr. 2b	3	1	1	0	1	1	.245
Dominguez lf	3	0	1	0	1	0	.259
Grisham cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.247
Slater lf	4	0	0	0	1	2	.228
a-Haggerty ph-lf	3	1	2	0	1	1	.400
Langford lf-cf	3	0	0	0	0	1	.215
Pederson dh	2	0	0	0	1	1	.120
Tellez 1b	3	0	1	0	0	0	.212
Higashioka c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.264
Totals	30	4	0	2	9		

a-doubled for Diaz in 4th.

E: Camrino. **2B:** Morel (12), Haiss (6), Walls (13), Goldschmidt (24). **HR:** Rice (16), Stanton (8). **RBI:** Aranda (54), Camrino (71), DeLuca (4), Walls (37), Rice 3 (35), Bellinger (63), Stanton 2 (23), Slater (12). **SB:** Lowe (8), DeLuca (5), Chisholm Jr. 2 (14). **SF:** Camrino. **Runners left in scoring position:** Tampa Bay 2 (DeLuca, Fortes), N.Y. Yankees 3 (Dominguez, Slater, Volpe). **RISP:** Tampa Bay 3 for 7, N.Y. Yankees 2 for 6. **GIDP:** Morel, Slater. **DP:** Tampa Bay 1, N.Y. Yankees 1.

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Peplot L, 6-9	4.0	6	7	7	3	4	88	3.80
Kelly	0.1	0	0	0	1	0	13	5.93
Montgomery	0.2	0	0	0	0	0	7	5.35
Rock	3.0	2	0	0	0	5	48	3.60

N.Y. Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Stroman W, 3-2	5.0	6	4	4	0	3	74	6.23
de los Santos H, 2	3.0	0	0	0	0	5	33	1.78
Loaisiga S, 1	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	4.30

Inherited runners: Montgomery 2-2. **HBP:** Diaz. **Umpires:** HP-Whitson, 1B-Moscoco, 2B-Guccione, 3B-Rackley. T: 2:26. A: 44,292 (46,672).

Atlanta 12, Cincinnati 11 (10)

Atlanta 000	102	080	1-	12	13	0
Cincinnati 012	000	080	0-	11	17	2

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Proffar lf	6	0	0	0	0	1	.233
Olson 1b	6	2	3	1	0	0	.260
Riley 3b	6	1	1	1	0	1	.263
Ozuna dh	2	3	1	1	3	0	.235
Albies 2b	6	2	2	2	0	0	.227
Murphy c	2	1	1	1	3	0	.233
Harris lf cf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.233
White rf	5	1	1	2	0	1	.249
Allen ss	2	0	0	0	0	0	.226
a-Baldwin ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.279
d-Williams pr-ss	2	1	1	3	0	1	.136
Totals	43	12	13	11	6	5	

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
McLain 2b	6	1	3	0	0	0	.221
Marte rf	6	2	3	0	0	0	.285
De La Cruz ss	6	2	3	3	0	2	.285
Hays dh	5	1	1	1	1	1	.276
Steer 1b	5	1	1	3	1	1	.242
Fraleigh lf	3	1	1	0	1	2	.252
c-Espinal ph-lf	1	0	0	0	0	0	.253
b-Lux ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.268
Stephenson c	4	1	2	1	2	1	.240
Benson cf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.217
Hayes 3b	5	1	1	0	0	0	.235
Totals	47	11	17	11	4	8	

a-reached on error for Allen in 6th. b-fouled out for Espinal in 10th. c-flied out for Fraley in 8th. d-ran for Baldwin in 6th.

E: Hayes, McLain. **2B:** Albies (14), Murphy (12), Williams (2), McLain (12), Stephenson (13). **HR:** De La Cruz (19), Steer (12), Hayes (3). **RBI:** Olson (68), Riley (54), Ozuna (48), Albies 2 (42), Williams (42), Harris II (50), White 2 (20), Steers 2 (4), De La Cruz 3 (72), Hays (42), Steer 3 (46), Stephenson (34), Hayes 3 (39). **SF:** Ozuna. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 7 (Proffar 2, Albies, White 2, Allen 2), Cincinnati 7 (Steer, Fraley 2, Lux, Benson, Hayes 2). **RISP:** Atlanta 7 for 19,

Cincinnati 5 for 18. **GIDP:** Proffar, Allen. **DP:** Cincinnati 2.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Carasco	6.0	7	3	3	2	5	95	4.50
Kinley	1.0	2	0	0	1	1	19	5.55
Dunning	0.0	5	5	5	0	0	18	14.29
Lee	0.2	3	3	3	1	0	21	3.17
Johnson W, 2-3	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.45
Iglesias S, 13	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	7	4.74

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Abbott	5.1	5	3	2	5	1	96	2.15
Ashcraft BS, 5	1.2	2	2	2	0	1	25	4.24
Moll	0.1	3	4	4	0	1	12	9.00
Richardson	0.0	3	2	2	1	0	18	4.15
Suter	1.2	0	0	0	0	2	13	3.02
Pagan L, 2-4	1.0	0	1	0	0	0	12	2.72

Totals	32	2	6	2	1	2	7
a-grounded out for Trammell in 9th. b-walked for Yoshida in 9th. c-grounded out for Toro in 9th.							
E: Sanchez, Story, Whitlock, Criswell. 2B: Diaz (15), Duran (30), Story (18). HR: Walker (14). RBI: Walker (56), Anthony (19), Abreu (58). SB: Story (18). SF: Abreu. S: Narvaez. Runners left in scoring position: Houston 2 (Sanchez, Dubon), Boston 5 (Duran 2, Toro, Abreu, Rafaela). RISP: Boston 1 for 7. GIDP: Altuve. DP: Boston 2.							

Houston	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Brown	7.0	4	1	1	1	6	97	2.47
Abreu	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	13	1.82
Hader	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	20	2.17
Sousa L, 5-1	0.0	1	1	0	0	0	9	2.66

Boston	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Criswell	7.0	7	1	1	2	4	84	3.57
Whitlock	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	2.98
Chapman	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1.26
Weissert W, 4-3	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.87

HBP: Yoshida. **Umpires:** HP-Diaz, 1B-Bacchus, 2B-O’Nora, 3B-Estabrook. T: 2:40. A: 36,881 (37,755).

Kansas City 9, Toronto 3								
KC.....023	000	004	-	9	11	1		
TOR.....100	000	002	-	3	5	1		

Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
India 2b	5	1	1	0	0	1	240	
Witt Jr. ss	3	1	1	3	2	0	188	
Rave lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	281	
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	1	0	1	2	266	
Garcia 3b-ss	5	1	2	1	0	0	302	
Perez c	5	1	1	1	0	2	254	
Yastrzemski rf	3	1	1	2	0	0	333	
a-Loflin ph-ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	214	
Griichuk dh	4	1	1	0	0	0	235	
Frazier lf-rf	4	1	1	2	0	1	259	
Isbel cf	4	2	2	0	0	1	251	
Tolbert cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	208	
Totals	38	9	11	9	3	7		

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Lukes rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	251	
Loperfido lf	4	1	1	0	0	2	386	
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	1	1	1	0	0	294	
Bichette ss	4	0	2	0	0	0	293	
Barger 3b	4	1	1	2	0	0	264	
Francis dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	249	
Varsho cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	200	
Clement 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	277	
Heinemann c	3	0	0	0	0	1	333	
Totals	33	3	5	3	0	6		

a-lined out for Yastrzemski in 9th.

E: Witt Jr., Heinemann. **2B:** India (25), Pasquantino (18), Loperfido (2), Bichette (33). **HR:** Witt Jr. (16), Perez (19), Yastrzemski (1), Frazier (1), Guerrero Jr. (16), Barger (16). **RBI:** Witt Jr. 3 (63), Garcia (47), Perez (65), Yastrzemski 2 (2), Frazier 2 (5), Guerrero Jr. (58), Barger 2 (52). **SB:** Witt Jr. (29), Garcia (20). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 4 (Garcia, Perez 2, Yastrzemski), Toronto 1 (Barger). **RISP:** Kansas City 3 for 9, Toronto 1 for 4.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Wacha W, 5-9	8.0	3	1	1	0	5100	3.38	
Hatch	1.0	2	2	2	0	1	19	18.00

Toronto	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gausman L, 7-8	6.0	6	5	5	0	593	3.99	
Varland	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	1.98
Nance	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	21	1.17
Fluharty	0.2	4	4	4	0	35	5.63	
Fisher	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	13	2.51

Inherited runners: Fisher 2-1. **Umpires:** HP-Tomlinson, 1B-Wegner, 2B-Livensparger, 3B-Dreckman. T: 2:37. A: 41,492 (41,500).

Chicago Cubs 1, Baltimore 0								
BAL.....000	000	000	-	0	3	0		
CHC.....010	000	000	-	1	4	0		

Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Holliday 2b	3	0	1	0	1	0	262	
Westburg 3b	4	0	0	0	0	1	268	
Henderson ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	283	
Rutschman c	4	0	1	0	0	0	232	
a-Adams pr	0	0	0	0	0	0	000	
O'Neill rf	4	0	0	0	1	1	210	
Cowser lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	217	
Mayo 1b	2	0	0	1	2	0	221	
Carlson cf	2	0	0	0	1	0	219	
Jackson dh	3	0	1	0	0	1	333	
Totals	28	0	3	0	4	8		

Chicago Cubs	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Hoerner 2b	4	0	0	0	0	2	288	
Tucker rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	274	
Suzuki dh	3	0	0	0	0	1	248	
Kelly c	3	1	2	0	0	1	272	
Crow-Armstrong cf	3	0	1	0	0	0	273	
Swanson ss	3	0	0	0	0	2	246	
Happ lf	2	0	0	1	0	0	227	
Busch 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1	272	
Shaw 3b	3	0	1	0	0	0	225	
Totals	27	1	4	1	0	8		

a-ran for Rutschman in 9th.

2B: Rutschman (13), Crow-Armstrong (31), Shaw (15). **RBI:** Happ (52). **CS:** Jackson (1). **SB:** Holliday (11). **SF:** Happ. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 2 (O'Neill 2),

Chicago Cubs 3 (Suzuki, Happ, Busch). **GIDP:** Carlson. **DP:** Chicago Cubs 1.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rogers L, 4-2	8.0	4	1	1	0	8	88	1.44

Chicago Cubs	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Horton W, 5-3	5.0	2	0	0	3	3	71	3.42
Thielbarr H, 15	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	9	1.96
Kittredge H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	10	0.00
Keller H, 17	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	18	2.81
Palencia S, 15	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	9	1.36

Umpires: HP-Eddings, 1B-Jimenez, 2B-Muchlinski, 3B-Thomas. T: 1:54. A: 40,520 (41,649).

Cincinnati 3, Atlanta 2								
ATL.....000	000	002	-	2	7	0		
CIN.....000	001	20x	-	3	5	0		

Atlanta	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Profar lf	4	0	0	0	1	1	225	
Olson 1b	4	0	2	0	0	2	262	
Riley 3b	4	0	0	0	0	4	260	
Baldwin c	4	0	1	0	0	0	278	
Ozuna dh	3	1	0	0	1	2	233	
Harris II cf	4	1	2	0	0	1	236	
White 2b	3	0	1	1	1	0	228	
Albies rf	4	0	1	0	0	3	249	
Allen ss	1	0	0	0	0	0	226	
b-Murphy ph	3	2	2	2	0	1	232	
Williams ss	0	0	0	1	0	0	136	
Totals	32	2	7	2	3	14		

Cincinnati	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Lux dh	3	0	2	0	0	1	272	
a-Hays ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	1	274	
McLain 2b	4	0	1	1	0	2	222	
De La Cruz ss	3	0	0	0	1	1	283	
Marte rf	3	0	0	0	0	1	279	
Steer 1b	2	1	0	0	1	0	240	
Fraley lf	3	0	0	0	0	1	247	
Trevino c	3	0	0	0	0	0	254	
Benson cf	3	2	2	2	0	1	224	
Hayes 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	233	
Totals	28	3	5	3	2	8		

a-struck out for Lux in 8th. b-struck out for Allen in 8th.

2B: Olson (27). **HR:** Benson (9). **RBI:** Albies (4), Williams (5), McLain (37), Benson 2 (32). **SB:** Albies (10), Benson (2). **SF:** Williams. **S:** Allen. **Runners left in scoring position:** Atlanta 6 (Profar, Olson, Baldwin 2, Allen 2), Cincinnati 1 (Marte). **RISP:** Atlanta 1 for 9, Cincinnati 1 for 3. **GIDP:** De La Cruz. **DP:** Atlanta 1.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Elder L, 4-8	6.2	4	2	2	2	5	83	6.03
Dodd	1.1	1	1	1	0	3	28	4.76

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Singer W, 9-8	6.0	4	0	0	0	110	97	4.36
Barlow H, 13	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	11	3.80
Santillan H, 23	1.0	1	0	0	1	2	24	2.63
Pagan S, 23	1.0	2	2	2	1	1	20	3.04

Inherited runners: Dodd 1-0. **IBB:** Elder (1). **Umpires:** HP-Barksdale, 1B-Little, 2B-Additon, 3B-Wills. T: 2:16. A: 29,269 (45,814).

Colorado 17, Pittsburgh 16								
PIT.....900	331	000	-	16	18	1		
COL.....103	240	025	-	17	22	0		

Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Horwitz 1b	5	2	1	1	1	1	251	
McCutchen dh	5	3	3	5	1	1	249	
Reynolds rf	5	1	3	1	1	0	236	
Gonzales 2b	6	1	4	0	0	1	266	
Cruz cf	6	2	2	4	0	3	218	
Pham lf	5	2	1	0	1	2	272	
Bart c	1	2	1	0	1	4	243	
Triolo 3b	5	1	1	1	1	1	160	
Kiner-Falefa ss	5	2	3	3	0	0	270	
Totals	43	16	18	16	9	9		

Colorado	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Freeman dh	5	2	1	2	0	0	306	
Tovar ss	6	2	4	2	0	1	271	
Goodman c	5	2	2	2	1	0	279	
Beck lf	4	2	1	1	2	1	273	
Barnabel 1b	6	2	4	4	0	1	458	
Estrada 2b	6	1	2	1	0	1	264	
Doyle cf	5	3	4	2	1	0	225	
Farmer 3b	4	1	1	0	0	0	217	
a-Fernandez ph	1	1	1	2	0	0	224	
Archia 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	
Moniak rf	5	1	2	1	0	2	270	
Totals	47	17	22	17	5	7		

a-homered for Farmer in 8th.

E: Cruz. **2B:** Cruz (16), Kiner-Falefa (14), Freeman (16), Tovar 4 (11), Estrada (8), Doyle (13), Moniak (12). **3B:** Bernabel (1). **HR:** McCutchen (11), Cruz (18), Goodman (20), Bernabel (3), Doyle (8), Fernandez (1). **RBI:** Horwitz (25), McCutchen 5 (39), Reynolds (52), Cruz 4 (48), Bart (17), Triolo (11), Kiner-Falefa 3 (29), Freeman 2 (21), Tovar 2 (17), Goodman 2 (61), Beck (37), Bernabel 4 (7), Estrada (21), Doyle 2 (33), Fernandez 2 (4), Moniak (42). **Runners left in scoring position:** Pittsburgh 5 (Horwitz 2, Cruz, Triolo 2), Colorado 5 (Bernabel 2, Estrada 2, Farmer). **RISP:** Pittsburgh 10 for 21, Colorado 7 for 17. **GIDP:** Cruz, Triolo. **DP:** Colorado 2.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Heaney	31	7	4	3	1	74	4.89	
Harrington	0.2	7	6	6	2	0	15.58	

Nicolas	2.0	1	0	0	0	2	26	6.43
Ramirez	2.0	3	2	2	1	3	40	4.91
Santana L, 3-3	0.1	4	5	5	1	1	29	2.31

Colorado	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Senzatela	0.2	7	8	8	2	0	31	7.34
Palmquist	2.1	3	3	3	5	3	64	7.91
Chivilli	2.0	5	4	4	1	2	45	6.69
Herget	2.0	2	1	1	1	3	37	2.91
Darnell W, 1-0	2.0	1	0	0	0	1	18	0.00

Palmquist pitched to 2 batters in the 4th. Harrington pitched to 5 batters in the 5th. **Inherited runners:** Nicolas 1-1, Palmquist 2-0, Chivilli 2-0. **HBP:** Bart

Pittsburgh 1 for 6, Colorado 5 for 13. **GIDP:** Kiner-Falefa. **DP:** Colorado 1.

Pittsburgh	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Skenes	5.0	5	4	4	2	8	94	2.02
Ashcraft L, 3-2 BS, 1	2.0	5	3	3	0	23	29	2.90
Cabrera	0.2	2	1	1	0	0	17	5.79
Moreta	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.00
Colorado	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gomber	5.0	5	4	3	1	5	89	6.18
Hill W, 1-0	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	19	2.70
Mejia H, 7	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	22	4.05
Vodnik H, 7	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	19	3.55
Halvorsen	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	5	4.99
Darnell	1.0	1	1	1	0	0	9	3.00

Skenes pitched to 4 batters in the 6th. Halvorsen pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. **Inherited runners:** Ashcraft 1-0, Moreta 1-1, Darnell 1-1. **WP:** Gomber. **Umpires:** HP-Torres, 1B-Marquez, 2B-Barrett, 3B-Ramos. T: 2:47. A: 33,046 (46,896).

Cleveland 5, Minnesota 4
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Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.
Roden lf	5	1	1	0	0	4		.194
Larnach dh	5	1	2	1	0	1		.242
Jeffers c	4	0	1	0	0	2		.255
Clemens 1b	3	1	1	0	1	0		.222
Wallner rf	3	1	1	2	1	1		.208
Lewis 3b	4	0	2	1	0	1		.249
Lee ss	4	0	0	0	0	2		.250
Julien 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2		.196
a-Martin pr	0	0	0	0	0	0		.600
Keisley Jr. cf	4	0	0	0	0	2		.110
Totals	36	4	9	4	2	15		
Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.
Kwan lf	4	0	0	0	1	0		.285
Schneemann cf-rf	4	2	3	1	0	0		.226
Ramirez 3b	3	2	2	2	1	0		.300
Manzardo dh	4	0	0	0	0	2		.237
Santana 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0		.230
Naylor c	4	1	2	1	0	0		.180
Arias ss	3	0	1	0	1	1		.232
Kayfus rf	4	0	0	1	0	1		.000
Martinez cf	0	0	0	0	0	0		.241
Rocchio 2b	4	0	1	0	0	1		.219
Totals	34	5	10	5	2	6		

a-ran for Julien in 9th.
E: Kwan. **2B:** Roden (6), Clemens (7), Lewis (11), Julien (6), Schneemann (13), Naylor (13), Rocchio (13). **HR:** Wallner (14), Schneemann (10), Ramirez (22). **RBI:** Larnach (44), Wallner 2 (24), Lewis (21), Schneemann (29), Ramirez 2 (59), Naylor (27), Kayfus (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 4 (Larnach, Lee 2, Julien), Cleveland 5 (Kwan, Schneemann, Santana, Rocchio 2). **RISP:** Minnesota 2 for 11, Cleveland 1 for 10.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Ober	5.0	6	4	4	1	4	91	5.38
OHL L, 0-2	3.0	4	1	1	1	2	52	7.50
Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bibee	4.2	8	4	4	2	5	93	4.51
Festa	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	11	4.59
Sabrowski	1.2	0	0	0	0	3	22	1.42
Enright W, 2-0	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	11	2.11
Gaddis S, 1	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	15	3.30

Inherited runners: Festa 2-2. **Umpires:** HP-Iassogna, 1B-Barry, 2B-Bucknor, 3B-Beck. T: 2:44. A: 35,116 (34,820).

Boston 7, Houston 3
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Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.
Altuve 2b	5	0	1	0	0	1		.280
Sanchez lf	4	0	0	0	1	0		.250
Correa ss	4	2	2	0	1	1		.267
Walker 1b	3	1	2	2	0	2		.240
Diaz dh	5	0	2	1	0	0		.254
Caratini c	5	0	4	0	0	1		.267
Smith rf	5	0	0	0	0	2		.252
Trammell cf	1	0	1	0	1	0		.250
a-Dubon ph-cf	3	0	1	0	0	0		.265
Urias 3b	3	0	1	0	1	1		.249
Totals	38	3	14	3	6	6		
Boston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.
Gonzalez 2b	5	2	2	1	0	1		.297
Bregman 3b	4	0	0	0	1	2		.296
Anthony rf	3	0	1	0	1	2		.284
Refsnyder dh	4	2	2	1	0	2		.278
Story ss	3	1	2	3	0	1		.254
Narvaez c	3	0	0	0	1	1		.252
Duran lf	4	0	0	0	0	1		.262
Rafaela cf	4	1	2	0	0	2		.261
Toro 1b	4	1	1	2	0	0		.260
Totals	34	7	10	7	12	12		

a-popped out for Trammell in 6th.
2B: Gonzalez (16), Refsnyder (9), Story (19), Rafaela 2 (23). **HR:** Walker (15), Gonzalez (8), Story (18), Toro (6). **RBI:** Walker 2 (58), Diaz (45), Gonzalez (36), Refsnyder (19), Story 3 (68), Toro 2 (24). **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 9 (Sanchez, Correa 2, Smith 4, Dubon 2), Boston 4 (Gonzalez, Narvaez 2, Duran). **RISP:** Houston 2 for 11, Boston 3 for 10. **GIDP:** Altuve, Urias. **DP:** Boston 2.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gordon L, 4-4	4.0	7	6	6	1	6	81	5.27
Ort	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	2	1.77

Okert	1.1	0	0	0	0	3	14	2.90
Neris	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	20	4.30
Hernandez	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	9	6.35
Boston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Buehler	4.1	9	3	3	3	0	84	5.74
WAB W, 3-1	0.2	0	0	0	0	2	10	2.60
Matz H, 1	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	11	0.00
Whitlock H, 16	1.0	2	0	0	0	0	16	2.92
Hicks	1.0	2	0	0	1	2	23	4.32
Alcala	0.1	1	0	0	1	0	11	6.02
Chapman S, 20	0.2	0	0	0	0	1	12	1.24

C.Gordon pitched to 1 batter in the 5th. **Inherited runners:** Ort 1-1, Okert 2-2, Wilson 2-2, Chapman 2-2. **HBP:** Story. **WP:** Chapman. **Balk:** Neris (1). **Umpires:** HP-Bacchus, 1B-O’Nora, 2B-Estabrook, 3B-Diaz. T: 2:49. A: 36,215 (37,755).

Miami 2, N.Y. Yankees 0
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N.Y. Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.
Grisham cf	3	0	0	0	1	0		.248
Dominguez lf	4	0	0	0	0	2		.262
Bellinger rf	4	0	0	0	1	2		.279
Stanton dh	3	0	1	0	0	0		.269
Chisholm Jr. 2b	2	0	0	0	1	1		.242
Rice c	3	0	1	0	0	0		.233
Goldschmidt 1b	2	0	0	0	1	0		.278
McMahon 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2		.321
Volpe ss	3	0	0	0	0	1		.221
Totals	27	0	2	0	3	7		
Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.
Edwards 2b	3	0	0	0	1	2		.293
Stowers lf	4	0	0	0	0	3		.293
Ramirez dh	3	2	2	2	0	1		.244
Hicks c	3	0	1	0	2	.263		
Lopez ss	3	0	0	0	0	0		.249
Marsee cf	2	0	1	0	1	1		.500
Wagaman 1b	3	0	0	0	0	0		.233
Pauley 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0		.211
Myers rf	2	0	0	0	1	0		.251
Totals	26	2	4	2	3	9		

2B: Rice (18), Marsee (2). **HR:** Ramirez 2 (17). **RBI:** Ramirez 2 (50). **CS:** Marsee (1). **SB:** Grisham (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** N.Y. Yankees 1 (Volpe), Miami 1 (Wagaman). **RISP:** N.Y. Yankees 1 for 4. **DP:** N.Y. Yankees 1, Miami 1.

N.Y. Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Schlittler L, 1-2	5.0	4	2	2	2	6	92	4.58
Bird	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	27.00
Weaver	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3.02
Hill	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	10	2.66
Miami	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Perez W, 4-3	6.0	2	0	0	0	3	58	2.70
Henriquez H, 15	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	8	2.91
Phillips H, 5	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	3.18
Faucher S, 11	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	12	3.64

Umpires: HP-MacKay, 1B-Porter, 2B-Wolf, 3B-Segal. T: 2:23. A: 34,645 (37,446).

Milwaukee 8, Washington 2
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Milwaukee	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.
Frelick rf	2	1	2	0	0	0		.296
a-Lockridge ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	1		.221
Contreras c	4	1	0	0	1	1		.258
Vaughn 1b	5	0	1	0	0	1		.371
Yelich dh	4	3	3	2	1	1		.260
Collins lf	5	0	2	2	0	0		.277
Perkins cf	5	1	2	1	0	1		.297
Turang 2b	5	1	3	1	0	0		.275
Seigler 3b	4	0	1	0	0	0		.194
Ortiz ss	4	1	1	0	0	0		.215
Totals	39	8	15	7	3	5		
Washington	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.
Abrams ss	4	0	0	0	0	0		.277
Wood lf	4	0	0	0	0	2		.260
Garcia Jr. 2b	4	0	0	0	1	1		.261
Bell dh	2	0	0	0	1	0		.227
Lowie 1b	3	0	0	0	0	1		.222
House 3b	3	0	0	0	0	2		.254
Lile rf	3	0	1	0	0	0		.248
Adams c	2	1	0	0	1	1		.164
Hassell III cf	3	1	1	2	0	1		.241
Totals	28	2	2	2	2	8		

a-walked for Frelick in 4th.
E: House. **2B:** Frelick (12), Collins (11), Perkins (3), Turang 2 (20), Ortiz (2). **HR:** Yelich (21), Hassell III (2). **RBI:** Lockridge (6), Yelich 2 (72), Collins 3 (32), Perkins (7), Turang (45), Hassell III 2 (12). **SB:** Seigler (2). **SF:** Lockridge. **Runners left in scoring position:** Milwaukee 7 (Contreras 2, Vaughn, Turang, Seigler 3), Washington 1 (House). **RISP:** Milwaukee 6 for 18, Washington 1 for 3. **GIDP:** Contreras, Collins, Perkins, Adams. **DP:** Milwaukee 1, Washington 3.

Milwaukee	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Woodruff W, 3-0	6.0	1	2	2	1	8	88	2.22
Koenig H, 21	1.0	0	0	0	1	0	18	3.60
Uribe	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	8	2.06
Mears	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.81
Washington	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Irvin L, 8-6	4.0	8	5	5	2	2	75	4.89
Ogasawara	3.0	5	2	2	1	2	60	8.38
Ribalta	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	10	5.39
Rutledge	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	12	6.48

Ogasawara pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. **Inherited runners:** Ribalta 2-1. **WP:** Woodruff. **Umpires:** HP-Guccione,

1B-Rackley, 2B-Whitson, 3B-Moscoco. T: 2:30. A: 28,869 (41,565).

Toronto 4, Kansas City 2									
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Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.	
India 2b	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	.242	
a-Loftin ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.211	
Witt Jr. ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	.286	
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.264	
Garcia 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.299	
Perez c	4	1	2	1	0	1	0	.256	
Yastrzemski dh	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	.143	
Frazier lf-2b	4	1	0	0	1	1	0	.256	
Rave rf	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	.277	
c-Grichuk ph-rf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.222	
Isbel cf	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	.257	
Totals	32	2	6	2	0	7			
Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Avg.	
Schneider 2b	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	.218	
b-Lukes ph-rf	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.251	
Clement 3b-2b	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	.277	
Guerrero Jr. dh	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	.292	
Bichette ss	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	.297	
Barger rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	.261	
Francis lf-3b	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	.249	
Straw lf	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	.253	
Heinemann c	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	.333	
Sanchez c	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	.238	
Loperfido lf	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.373	
Totals	30	4	8	4	2	2			

Swanson ss	4	1	1	1	0	2	.246
Totals	34	5	11	5	2	8	

a-homered for Busch in 9th. b-singled for Jackson in 9th.

E: Jackson, Westburg. **2B:** Rutschman (15), Cowser (9), Happ (19). **HR:** Turner (3). **RBI:** Henderson (47), Cowser (22), Noda (2), Turner 2 (15), Suzuki (82), Happ (53), Swanson (52). **CS:** Henderson (4). **SB:** Noda (1). **S:** Tucker. **Runners left in scoring position:** Baltimore 3 (Holliday, Rutschman, Mayo), Chicago Cubs 4 (Busch, Tucker, Crow-Armstrong, Kelly). **RISP:** Baltimore 2 for 10, Chicago Cubs 3 for 9. **GIDP:** Kelly. **DP:** Baltimore 1.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Young	4.2	5	2	0	2	4	80	5.88
Strowd	1.2	5	1	0	1	3	41	5.59
Stroud	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	191	
Akin L, 3-1	0.0	1	2	1	0	0	3	3.38

Chicago Cubs	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Rea	4.2	5	2	2	1	4	77	4.23
Pomeranz	1.1	0	0	0	1	2	20	2.05
Kittredge H, 2	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	18	0.00
Keller H, 18	1.0	0	0	0	1	2	17	2.76
Palencia W, 1-2 BS, 2	1.0	2	1	1	0	1	18	1.55

Inherited runners: Enns 2-2, Strowd 2-2, Pomeranz 1-1. **HBP:** Jackson. **Umpires:** HP-Muchlinski, 1B-Thomas, 2B-Eddings, 3B-Jimenez. T: 2:50. A: 39,430 (41,649).

Kansas City 7, Toronto 4 (10 inn.)

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Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
India dh	3	0	0	1	1	240		
Witt Jr. ss	4	2	1	0	1	285		
Pasquantino 1b	3	1	1	1	0	264		
b-Tolbert pr-lf	1	1	1	2	0	240		
Garcia 3b	3	0	0	1	1	297		
Perez c	4	0	1	0	0	256		
Yastrzemski rf	1	0	0	1	0	125		
a-Loftin ph-lf	2	0	0	0	0	207		
Frazier 2b	4	0	0	0	1	229		
Rave lf	2	0	0	0	1	173		
c-Grichuk ph-rf	2	1	0	0	1	200		
Isbel cf	4	1	2	1	0	260		
Totals	33	7	6	6	4	6		

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Lukes dh	5	1	1	0	0	250		
Loperfido rf	5	0	2	1	0	3	375	
Guerrero Jr. 1b	4	0	0	0	1	1	289	
Bichette ss	3	1	1	0	2	297		
Barger 3b	5	0	1	1	0	260		
Kirk c	4	0	0	0	1	301		
Vorsho cf	3	0	0	0	2	194		
Clement 2b	3	0	1	0	1	280		
Straw lf	3	1	1	0	0	254		
Totals	35	4	8	4	6	8		

a-lined out for Yastrzemski in 7th. b-ran for Pasquantino in 8th. c-struck out for Rave in 7th.**E:** Bichette, Kirk. **2B:** Witt Jr. (37), Isbel (14). **RBI:** Pasquantino (66), Tolbert 2 (4), Garcia (48), Yastrzemski (3), Isbel (23), Lukes (43), Loperfido (9), Barger (53), Straw (22). **CS:** Loperfido (2). **SB:** Tolbert (12). **SF:** Garcia, Yastrzemski. **S:** Loftin, Straw. **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 4 (Witt Jr., Garcia, Frazier, Grichuk), Toronto 3 (Guerrero Jr., Barger, Kirk). **RISP:** Kansas City 3 for 9, Toronto 5 for 9. **GIDP:** Pasquantino. **DP:** Kansas City 1, Toronto 1.

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lugo	4.2	4	2	2	4	3	91	3.06
Schreiber	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	12	3.07
Lynch IV	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	14	2.53
Ereag	1.0	1	0	0	1	1	20	2.15
Harvey W, 1-0	1.0	1	0	0	0	1	13	0.00

Estevez	1.0	2	2	1	1	1	29	2.64
Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Bassitt	6.0	1	1	1	3	5	91	4.12
Little H, 22	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	13	2.70
Varland BS, 2	1.0	2	1	1	0	0	10	2.12
Hoffman	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	6	4.56
Dominguez L, 2-4	0.0	2	5	3	1	0	12	3.60
Nance	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.04

Dominguez pitched to 4 batters in the 10th.**Inherited runners:** Schreiber 1-1, Nance 2-0. **HBP:** India, Perez. **Balk:** Bassitt (3). **Umpires:** HP-Dreckman, 1B-Livensparger, 2B-Tomlinson, 3B-Wegner. T: 2:58. A: 41,461 (41,500).

Miami 7, N.Y. Yankees 3

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N.Y. Yankees	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Grisham cf	2	1	1	2	0	249		
Rice 1b	3	0	0	0	0	231		
b-Goldschmidt ph-1b	1	0	0	0	1	277		
Bellinger rf	4	0	0	0	0	276		
Stanton dh	4	1	1	0	0	3	268	
Chisholm Jr. 2b	4	1	2	2	0	1	246	
Dominguez lf	2	0	1	0	0	0	263	
c-Slater ph-lf	2	0	0	0	2	225		
McMahon 3b	4	0	0	0	4	281		
Volpe ss	4	1	0	0	2	221		
Wells c	3	0	0	0	1	209		
Totals	33	3	6	3	2	14		

Miami	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Edwards 2b	5	1	2	1	0	1	295	
Stowers lf	4	1	2	4	0	2	296	
Ramirez c	4	0	0	0	2	241		
Hicks 1b	3	0	0	0	1	259		

Lopez ss	3	1	1	0	1	0	250
Marsee cf	4	0	2	1	0	1	500
Hernandez dh	3	1	0	0	1	2	291
Pauley 3b	2	2	1	0	2	0	216
Johnston rf	2	1	1	1	0	0	286
a-Myers ph-rf	1	0	0	0	1	0	250
Totals	31	7	9	7	6	8	

a-grounded out for Johnston in 6th. b-struck out for Rice in 8th. c-struck out for Dominguez in 7th.

2B: Marsee (3), Johnston (1). **3B:** Volpe (4), Marsee (1). **HR:** Grisham (20), Chisholm Jr. (19), Stowers (25). **RBI:** Grisham (44), Chisholm Jr. 2 (51), Edwards (29), Stowers 4 (71), Marsee (1), Johnston (1). **SB:** Lopez (11). **SF:** Stowers. **Runners left in scoring position:** N.Y. Yankees 2 (Volpe, Wells), Miami 4 (Stowers, Lopez, Hernandez, Pauley). **RISP:** Miami 4 for 10. **GIDP:** Edwards. **DP:** N.Y. Yankees 1.

N.Y. Yankees	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Gil L, 0-1	3.1	5	5	5	4	3	77	13.50
Headrick	2.2	2	1	1	0	3	31	3.60
Brubaker	2.0	2	1	1	2	2	42	3.38

Simpson	1.0	3	2	2	1	2	27	6.28
Henriquez	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	2.85
Bachar	1.0	1	0	0	0	3	18	3.28

Simpson pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. **Inherited runners:** Headrick 2-0, Henriquez 1-1. **WP:** Headrick, Bachar. **Umpires:** HP-Porter, 1B-Wolf, 2B-Segal, 3B-Mackay. T: 2:50. A: 34,601 (37,446).

San Francisco 12, N.Y. Mets 4

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San Francisco	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Ramos lf	4	2	2	1	1	1	268	
Devers dh	4	2	3	4	1	0	233	
Adames ss	5	0	0	0	0	2	232	
Koss ss	0	0	0	0	0	0	263	
Chapman 3b	3	1	0	0	2	2	230	
Smith 1b	5	1	1	2	0	1	269	
Schmitt 2b	5	2	3	0	0	0	253	
Lee cf	4	2	4	0	1	0	258	
Bailey c	5	2	1	2	0	1	209	
McCray rf	3	0	0	0	0	2	222	
Totals	38	12	13	12	5	9		

N.Y. Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Nimmo lf	4	0	1	0	0	1	260	
a-Taylor ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	199	
Lindor ss	3	1	1	1	1	1	251	
Soto rf	4	0	1	0	0	0	247	
Alonso 1b	4	0	0	0	0	1	260	
Marte dh	4	0	0	0	0	1	276	
McNeil 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	252	
Vientos 3b	4	1	1	0	2	236		
Mullins cf	3	1	0	0	1	2	125	
Alvarez c	3	0	2	2	1	0	252	
Totals	34	4	8	3	3	8		

a-fouled out for Nimmo in 9th.

E: McCray, Lindor. **2B:** Lee (25), Vientos (13), Alvarez (6). **HR:** Devers (5), Schmitt (6), Lindor (21). **RBI:** Ramos (51), Devers 4 (19), Smith 2 (17), Schmitt 3 (21), Bailey 2 (3), Lindor (64), Alvarez 2 (15). **SB:** Lee (8). **S:** McCray. **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 2 (Adames, Bailey), N.Y. Mets 2 (Nimmo, Alonso). **RISP:** San Francisco 6 for 10, N.Y. Mets 1 for 3. **GIDP:** Schmitt, Alonso. **DP:** San Francisco 1, N.Y. Mets 1.

San Francisco	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Whisenhunt W, 1-0	5.1	3	2	1	2	4	75	4.35
Butts	1.2	1	0	0	0	3	21	3.47
Luchessi	1.0	2	0	0	0	1	23	2.41
Walker	1.0	2	2	1	1	0	19	4.14

N.Y. Mets	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Montas L, 3-2	4.0	7	7	7	2	5	92	6.68
Warren	4.0	2	0	0	1	5	96	0.96
Staneek	0.2	3	5	5	2	3	30	5.03
Torrens	0.1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0.00

Montas pitched to 1 batter in the 5th. **Inherited runners:** Butto 1-1, Warren 1-1. **WP:** Staneek. **Umpires:** HP-Visconti, 1B-Jones, 2B-Lentz, 3B-Fletcher. T: 3:03. A: 42,876 (41,922).

Minnesota 5, Cleveland 4

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Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Martin cf-lf	5	1	1	0	0	2	400	
Jeffers dh	5	1	1	0	0	2	254	
Waller rf	3	1	2	1	1	0	215	
c-Keirsey Jr. pr-cf	0	0	1	0	0	0	110	
Lewis 3b	4	1	1	1	0	1	249	
Clemens 1b	4	0	2	1	0	1	228	
Lee ss	4	0	0	0	0	2	247	
Larnach lf	3	0	1	2	1	1	242	
Roden rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	194	
Vazquez c	4	0	0	0	2	1	177	
Chisholm Jr. 2b	3	0	0	0	1	1	190	
b-Fitzgerald pr-2b	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.000	
Totals	35	5	8	5	3	12		

Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	NP	Aug.
Freeman dh	5	0	0	0	0	1	281	
Ramirez 2b	5	1	3	0	0	1	233	
c-Keirsey Jr. pr-cf	4	1	2	2	1	0	302	
Manzardo 1b	3	0	0	0	1	1	235	
Naylor c	4	0	1	0	0	1	181	
Anias ss	4	0	2	0	0	1	236	
Jones rf	3	1	0	0	1	1	216	

Kayfus dh	4	1	1	0	0	1	125
Martinez cf	3	0	0	0	0	2	238
a-Rocchio ph	1	0	1	2	0	0	223
Totals	36	4	10	4	3	9	

a-singled for Martinez in 9th. b-ran for Julien in 9th. c-ran for Wallner in 8th. **2B:** Lewis (12), Schneemann (14), Naylor (14), Kayfus (1). **3B:** Wallner (3). **HR:** Ramirez (23). **RBI:** Wallner (25), Lewis (22), Clemens (32), Larnach 2 (46), Ramirez 2 (61), Rocchio 2 (25). **CS:** Schneemann (2). **SB:** Clemens (1). **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota

MLB TEAM TOTALS THROUGH AUG. 3

Batting Totals																
	GP	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SO	SB	CS	AVG	OBP	SLG	OPS
Toronto	113	3840	531	1012	199	7	120	507	379	748	55	18	.264	.334	.413	.747
Milwaukee	111	3757	555	967	171	11	111	518	377	882	124	39	.257	.330	.397	.727
Houston	112	3781	478	970	166	10	123	456	325	875	56	23	.257	.321	.403	.725
Chicago Cubs	111	3821	579	974	193	21	159	564	378	867	121	22	.255	.324	.441	.766
L.A. Dodgers	112	3815	576	969	182	15	164	556	404	949	67	18	.254	.329	.439	.768
Philadelphia	111	3771	516	956	181	14	129	493	375	893	94	19	.254	.325	.412	.737
Boston	113	3882	560	983	234	20	140	537	359	1019	95	26	.253	.323	.432	.755
Tampa Bay	113	3810	509	964	167	11	121	479	336	948	145	37	.253	.317	.398	.715
Miami	110	3748	475	946	186	19	105	456	332	870	84	32	.252	.316	.396	.712
N.Y. Yankees	112	3805	579	958	185	17	179	556	421	987	81	24	.252	.330	.450	.781
Athletics	114	3891	493	977	195	15	153	478	353	972	62	17	.251	.316	.427	.743
San Diego	112	3735	461	937	170	15	95	432	353	783	74	20	.251	.319	.381	.700
Detroit	113	3807	543	949	174	23	144	523	345	993	49	11	.249	.317	.421	.738
Arizona	112	3780	542	941	194	26	153	530	393	882	76	26	.249	.324	.435	.760
St. Louis	113	3801	495	946	198	4	107	473	351	872	62	16	.249	.319	.388	.707
Cincinnati	112	3755	512	928	173	14	115	481	379	958	84	25	.247	.321	.393	.713
Washington	111	3727	477	908	181	17	106	458	324	870	95	36	.244	.310	.387	.696
Baltimore	112	3750	489	913	186	12	137	463	308	963	79	27	.243	.308	.409	.717
Kansas City	112	3751	411	913	199	18	97	404	272	766	84	34	.243	.300	.384	.684
Seattle	113	3862	511	940	153	6	159	490	380	1005	111	26	.243	.319	.410	.729
Atlanta	110	3745	461	909	164	14	119	447	394	958	51	14	.243	.318	.389	.708
N.Y. Mets	112	3729	492	899	178	16	138	477	388	896	89	10	.241	.320	.408	.729
Minnesota	111	3711	462	893	173	13	126	441	329	925	56	20	.241	.312	.396	.708
Colorado	111	3730	418	884	183	29	117	407	288	1066	58	29	.237	.296	.396	.692
San Francisco	112	3705	465	865	173	20	105	444	390	949	50	17	.233	.312	.376	.688
Pittsburgh	112	3725	399	867	155	16	80	387	356	973	87	26	.233	.304	.347	.652
L.A. Angels	112	3749	486	871	153	12	158	469	336	1083	56	23	.232	.304	.406	.710
Texas	113	3768	465	872	166	12	119	444	332	941	101	24	.231	.299	.377	.676
Chi. White Sox	112	3687	428	847	175	9	104	412	354	931	69	19	.230	.300	.367	.667
Cleveland	111	3639	436	833	168	11	117	420	357	904	85	27	.229	.302	.378	.679

Pitching Totals																
	W	L	ERA	G	CG	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WHIP	
Texas	58	55	3.26	113	2	28	1003.1	840	399	363.0	105.0	30.0	329.0	928	1.17	
Kansas City	56	56	3.53	112	0	31	997.1	884	422	391.0	114.0	31.0	340.0	896	1.23	
San Diego	62	50	3.56	112	2	38	989	834	425	391.0	108.0	45.0	363.0	953	1.21	
Milwaukee	67	44	3.66	111	0	30	987.1	857	436	401.0	117.0	41.0	369.0	960	1.24	
N.Y. Mets	63	49	3.67	112	1	34	994	905	452	405.0	99.0	51.0	406.0	956	1.32	
San Francisco	56	56	3.68	112	1	27	991.2	911	457	406.0	97.0	42.0	362.0	953	1.28	
Boston	62	51	3.70	113	2	31	1013	939	482	417.0	115.0	49.0	373.0	933	1.30	
Houston	62	50	3.71	112	3	34	996	854	439	411.0	129.0	45.0	331.0	1081	1.19	
Detroit	65	48	3.76	113	1	29	1000.1	909	463	418.0	119.0	43.0	321.0	970	1.23	
Philadelphia	63	48	3.79	111	2	29	988.1	923	448	416.0	124.0	36.0	311.0	1017	1.25	
Seattle	60	53	3.84	113	0	27	1024.2	932	489	437.0	127.0	53.0	342.0	953	1.24	
Pittsburgh	48	64	3.85	112	1	24	990	878	450	423.0	108.0	44.0	323.0	856	1.21	
Tampa Bay	55	58	3.86	113	1	24	1002.2	894	463	430.0	144.0	44.0	323.0	946	1.21	
Cleveland	56	55	3.87	111	1	31	987.2	898	464	425.0	120.0	37.0	390.0	940	1.30	
Cincinnati	58	54	3.89	112	3	27	990.2	879	470	428.0	124.0	45.0	353.0	932	1.24	
Chicago Cubs	65	46	3.92	111	0	26	987.2	918	464	430.0	142.0	36.0	294.0	831	1.23	
N.Y. Yankees	60	52	4.05	112	0	30	990	856	487	446.0	127.0	36.0	386.0	991	1.25	
Chi. White Sox	42	70	4.08	112	0	15	977	922	491	443.0	118.0	60.0	410.0	832	1.36	
L.A. Dodgers	65	47	4.17	112	0	35	997.1	917	505	462.0	134.0	49.0	388.0	988	1.31	
St. Louis	56	57	4.19	113	2	27	997.2	987	508	464.0	107.0	32.0	297.0	816	1.29	
Atlanta	47	63	4.21	110	1	17	972.2	882	483	455.0	128.0	46.0	370.0	988	1.29	
Minnesota	52	59	4.28	111	1	21	974	951	496	463.0	124.0	49.0	289.0	940	1.27	
Toronto	65	48	4.29	113	1	33	1002.2	913	515	478.0	155.0	58.0	342.0	1007	1.25	
Miami	55	55	4.37	110	0	28	979.1	927	515	476.0	116.0	47.0	344.0	873	1.30	
Arizona	53	59	4.57	112	0	30	993.2	978	551	505.0	141.0	49.0	350.0	921	1.34	
L.A. Angels	54	58	4.58	112	0	26	994	994	553	506.0	150.0	33.0	424.0	872	1.43	
Baltimore	51	61	4.82	112	1	27	983.1	1015	558	527.0	154.0	37.0	369.0	916	1.41	
Athletics	49	65	5.01	114	0	25	1010	1015	613	562.0	165.0	60.0	407.0	912	1.41	
Washington	44	67	5.32	111	0	21	975.1	1028	611	576.0	133.0	68.0	371.0	837	1.43	
Colorado	30	81	5.76	111	0	20	969	1151	695	620.0	156.0	38.0	391.0	730	1.59	

MLB WEEKLY SCHEDULE ALL TIMES P.M. EASTERN

Wednesday, Aug. 6

Baltimore at Philadelphia, 12:35
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 12:35
Minnesota at Detroit, 1:10
Cleveland at N.Y. Mets, 1:10
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 2:35
Toronto at Colorado, 3:10
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 4:07
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10
Houston at Miami, 4:40
Athletics at Washington, 6:45
Kansas City at Boston, 7:10
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:15
San Diego at Arizona, 9:40
Chi. White Sox at Seattle, 9:40

Thursday, Aug. 7

Athletics at Washington, 12:05
Chi. White Sox at Seattle, 4:40
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Miami at Atlanta, 7:15
Friday, Aug. 8
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Athletics at Baltimore, 7:05
Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
L.A. Angels at Detroit, 7:10
Miami at Atlanta, 7:15
Cleveland at Chi. White Sox, 7:40
Philadelphia at Texas, 8:05
Kansas City at Minnesota, 8:10
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 8:10
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:15

Colorado at Arizona, 9:40
Boston at San Diego, 9:40
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 9:40
Toronto at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10
Washington at San Francisco, 10:15

Saturday, Aug. 9

Miami at Atlanta, 1:15
Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 2:05
Washington at San Francisco, 4:05
L.A. Angels at Detroit, 6:10
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:40
Athletics at Baltimore, 7:05
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 7:10
Kansas City at Minnesota, 7:10
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 7:10
Miami at Atlanta, 7:15
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 7:15

Philadelphia at Texas, 7:15
Colorado at Arizona, 8:10
Boston at San Diego, 8:40
Toronto at L.A. Dodgers, 9:10
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 9:40

Sunday, Aug. 10

Kansas City at Minnesota, 1:05
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1:35
Houston at N.Y. Yankees, 1:35
Miami at Atlanta, 1:35
Athletics at Baltimore, 1:35
L.A. Angels at Detroit, 1:40
Cleveland at Chicago White Sox, 2:10
N.Y. Mets at Milwaukee, 2:10
Philadelphia at Texas, 2:35
Washington at San Francisco, 4:05
Boston at San Diego, 4:10

Colorado at Arizona, 4:10
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 4:10
Toronto at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 7

Monday, Aug. 11

Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 6:10
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7:40
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 7:40
Washington at Kansas City, 7:40
Colorado at St. Louis, 7:45
Arizona at Texas, 8:05
Boston at Houston, 8:10
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 9:38
San Diego at San Francisco, 9:45
Tampa Bay at Athletics, 10:05

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Seattle at Baltimore, 6:35
Miami at Cleveland, 6:40
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 6:40
Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Chicago Cubs at Toronto, 7:07
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10
Detroit at Chicago White Sox, 7:40
Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, 7:40
Washington at Kansas City, 7:40
Colorado at St. Louis, 7:45
Arizona at Texas, 8:05
Boston at Houston, 8:10
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 9:38
San Diego at San Francisco, 9:45
Tampa Bay at Athletics, 10:05

NFL TRANSACTIONS

Monday, July 21

BUFFALO BILLS – WR Hal Presley III signed by Kansas City Chiefs.
CAROLINA PANTHERS – LB Nic Scourton signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).
CHICAGO BEARS – WR Luther Burden III signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).
DALLAS COWBOYS – DT Justin Rogers signed by Seattle Seahawks.
GREEN BAY PACKERS – K Alex Hale cut.
HOUSTON TEXANS – T Aireontae Ersery signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – DE JT Tuimoloau signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS – WR Hal Presley III signed.
DT Omarr Norman-Lott signed/draft choice - Four-year deal (through 2028).
DE George Karlaftis re-signed, 4-year extension (through 2030).

MIAMI DOLPHINS – G Jonah Savaiinaea signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS – QB Tyler Shough signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – S Andrew Mukuba signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS – CB Kam Alexander signed.
DT Justin Rogers signed.
CB Zy Alexander cut.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS – CB Benjamin Morrison signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).
TENNESSEE TITANS – LB Oluwafemi Oladejo signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).

Tuesday, July 22

ARIZONA CARDINALS – CB Will Johnson signed/draft choice - Four-year contract (through 2028).

ATLANTA FALCONS – WR Phillip Dorsett II signed by Las Vegas Raiders.
BUFFALO BILLS – LB Von Miller signed by Washington Commanders - One-year contract (through 2025).
WR Kelly Akharaiyi cut.
P Jake Camarda cut.
TE Matt Sokol signed.
WR David White Jr. signed.
CAROLINA PANTHERS – TE Tyler Mabry signed.
LB Josey Jewell cut.
CHICAGO BEARS – DE Jereme Robinson cut.
S Alex Cook cut.
DE Tanoh Kpassagnon signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
CB Tre Flowers signed.
CINCINNATI BENGALS – DT Dante Barnett cut.
CLEVELAND BROWNS – RB Nyheim Hines signed by Los Angeles Chargers.
DE Ogbo Okoronkwo signed by Philadelphia Eagles.
DE James Houston signed/unrestricted free agent by Dallas Cow-

boys - One-year contract (through 2025).
DALLAS COWBOYS – WR Seth Williams signed by Las Vegas Raiders.
DE Luiji Vilain cut.
DE James Houston signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
DETROIT LIONS – S Jamal Adams signed by Las Vegas Raiders.
GREEN BAY PACKERS – K Mark McNamee signed.
WR Will Sheppard signed.
C Zach Tom re-signed - Four-year extension (through 2029).
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – G Atonio Mafi signed by Las Vegas Raiders.
CB Tre Flowers signed by Chicago Bears.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS – WR David White Jr. signed by Buffalo Bills.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS – CB JT Woods signed.
WR Seth Williams signed.
G Atonio Mafi signed.
WR Phillip Dorsett II signed.
S Jamal Adams signed.

LB Jailin Walker cut.
WR Key'Shawn Smith cut.
WR Zakhari Franklin cut.
CB Mello Dotson cut.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS – RB Nyheim Hines signed.
T Savion Washington cut.
LOS ANGELES RAMS – QB Dresser Winn signed.
MIAMI DOLPHINS – QB Brett Gabbert cut.
T Daniel Brunskill signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS – WR Equanimeous St. Brown signed by San Francisco 49ers.
DE Tanoh Kpassagnon signed/unrestricted free agent by Chicago Bears - One-year contract (through 2025).
TE Dallin Holker cut.
S Tyrann Mathieu re-tired.
NEW YORK GIANTS – S Anthony Johnson Jr. cut.
S K'Von Wallace signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
NEW YORK JETS – T Obinna Eze cut.
CB Sauce

Gardner re-signed - Four-year extension (through 2030).
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – RB Lew Nichols cut. DE KJ Henry cut. DT Jacob Sykes signed. DE Ogbo Okoronkwo signed.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS – TE Matt Sokol signed by Buffalo Bills.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS – CB JT Woods signed by Las Vegas Raiders. TE Tyler Mabry signed by Carolina Panthers. DT Jacob Sykes signed by Philadelphia Eagles. S K'Von Wallace signed/unrestricted free agent by New York Giants - One-year contract (through 2025).
TENNESSEE TITANS – T Daniel Brunskill signed/unrestricted free agent by Miami Dolphins - One-year contract (through 2025). LB Lorenzo Carter retired.
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS – RB Michael Wiley cut. LB Von Miller signed - One-year contract (through 2025).

Wednesday, July 23

BALTIMORE RAVENS – CB Arthur Maulet signed by Houston Texans.
CAROLINA PANTHERS – QB Ethan Garbers cut. CB Tre Swilling signed.
CHICAGO BEARS – S Tarvarius Moore cut.
CLEVELAND BROWNS – DE KJ Henry acquired from waivers. WR Jaelen Gill cut.
DETROIT LIONS – RB Jermar Jefferson signed by Tennessee Titans.
HOUSTON TEXANS – CB Keydrain Calligan cut. CB Arthur Maulet signed.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – DT Joe Evans signed by Philadelphia Eagles.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS – T Samuel Jackson signed by New York Jets.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS – T Savion Washington placed on the physically unable to perform list.
NEW YORK GIANTS – DT Timmy Horne signed/unrestricted free agent by Tennessee Titans. S Anthony Johnson Jr. placed on the physically unable to perform list.
NEW YORK JETS – CB Tre Swilling signed by Carolina Panthers. T Samuel Jackson signed.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – DE KJ Henry acquired from waivers to Cleveland Browns. DT Joe Evans signed. G Marcus Tate cut.
TENNESSEE TITANS – WR Tay Martin signed by Washington Commanders. DT Timmy Horne signed/unrestricted free agent. RB Jermar Jefferson signed. QB Will Levis placed on IR - right shoulder surgery.
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS – WR Terry McLaurin reserve/ Did Not Report. WR Tay Martin signed.

Thursday, July 24

ATLANTA FALCONS – CB Kevin King cut.
CHICAGO BEARS – S Alex Cook signed.
DENVER BRONCOS – S Tanner McCalister signed by New York Jets.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – S Julian Blackmon signed/unrestricted free agent by New Orleans Saints - One-year contract (through 2025).
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS – CB Cornell Armstrong signed by Miami Dolphins.
LOS ANGELES RAMS – WR Quintez Cephus signed by San Francisco 49ers.
MIAMI DOLPHINS – T Obinna Eze signed. T Tedi Kushi cut. CB Cornell Armstrong signed. CB Artie Burns placed on IR - torn right ACL.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS – LB Jihad Ward signed/unrestricted free agent by Tennessee Titans - One-year contract (through 2025).
NEW YORK JETS – T Obinna Eze signed by Miami Dolphins. LB Jared Bartlett cut. S Tanner McCalister signed.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – RB Israel Abanikanda cut. WR Quintez Cephus signed.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS – T Garret Greenfield retired.
TENNESSEE TITANS – DT Keondre Coburn cut. LB Jihad Ward signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).

Friday, July 25

CAROLINA PANTHERS – CB M.J. Devonshire Jr. cut. CB Mello Dotson signed.
CLEVELAND BROWNS – WR Winston Wright Jr.

signed. LB Jordan Hicks retired.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS – CB Mello Dotson signed by Carolina Panthers. DT Keondre Coburn acquired from waivers. DT Christian Wilkins cut.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS – WR Matt Landers signed by Tennessee Titans.
NEW YORK GIANTS – G Justin Pugh retired.
NEW YORK JETS – S Chuck Clark signed/unrestricted free agent by Pittsburgh Steelers.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS – DT Dominique Davis cut. S Chuck Clark signed/unrestricted free agent.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – RB Israel Abanikanda acquired from waivers by Green Bay Packers.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS – T Silas Dzansi placed on the physically unable to perform list.
TENNESSEE TITANS – DT Keondre Coburn acquired from waivers to Las Vegas Raiders. WR Colton Dowell cut. WR Matt Landers signed.
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS – S Percy Butler re-signed - One-year extension (through 2026).

Saturday, July 26

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS – CB Jack Jones signed by Miami Dolphins.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS – WR DJ Chark signed/unrestricted free agent by Atlanta Falcons - One-year contract (through 2025).
MIAMI DOLPHINS – CB Ryan Cooper Jr. cut. CB Jack Jones signed.

Sunday, July 27

ARIZONA CARDINALS – CB Steven Gilmore signed. CB Jaden Davis placed on IR - knee. CB Starling Thomas V placed on IR - torn left ACL.
DALLAS COWBOYS – TE Jake Ferguson re-signed - Four-year extension (through 2029).
DETROIT LIONS – CB Steven Gilmore signed by Arizona Cardinals. CB Stantley Thomas-Oliver III cut.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS – T Rashawn Slater re-signed - Four-year extension (through 2029).
MIAMI DOLPHINS – CB Ryan Cooper Jr. acquired from waivers to New York Jets.
NEW YORK JETS – P Kai Kroeger cut. CB Ryan Cooper Jr. acquired from waivers.
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS – CB Fentrell Cypress II cut. WR Terry McLaurin reinstated.

Monday, July 28

BALTIMORE RAVENS – DT Josh Tupou signed by Indianapolis Colts.
BUFFALO BILLS – CB Keni-H Lovely signed by Arizona Cardinals. CB Daryl Porter Jr. cut. WR Deon Cain signed.
CAROLINA PANTHERS – CB M.J. Devonshire Jr. cut. CB M.J. Devonshire Jr. taken off IR - undisclosed.
CINCINNATI BENGALS – CB Mike Hilton signed/unrestricted free agent by Miami Dolphins - One-year contract (through 2025).
CLEVELAND BROWNS – RB Toa Taua signed.
DENVER BRONCOS – WR Courtland Sutton re-signed - Four-year extension (through 2029).
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – DT Josh Tupou signed. T Jack Wilson placed on IR - pectoral muscle.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS – WR Ramel Keyton signed by Tennessee Titans.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS – CB Eli Apple signed/unrestricted free agent by San Francisco 49ers - One-year contract (through 2025).
MIAMI DOLPHINS – RB Nate Noel cut. CB Mike Hilton signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS – T Josh Ball cut.
NEW YORK GIANTS – WR Gunner Olszewski re-signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025). WR Bryce Ford-Wheaton placed on IR - torn ACL.
NEW YORK JETS – RB Zach Evans retired.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS – RB Cordarrelle Patterson cut.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – WR Quintez Cephus cut. CB Eli Apple signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS – RB DK Kaufman signed. RB Kenny McIntosh placed on IR - torn left ACL.
TENNESSEE TITANS – WR Ramel Keyton signed. WR Treyton Burks cut.
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS – CB Nick White-side II signed by Detroit Lions. CB Fentrell Cy-

press II placed on IR - undisclosed.

Tuesday, July 29

BALTIMORE RAVENS – CB Christian Matthew signed/unrestricted free agent by Dallas Cowboys.
CAROLINA PANTHERS – WR Dan Chisena cut. WR Ja'seem Reed signed.
CLEVELAND BROWNS – RB Jacob Saylor signed by Detroit Lions. WR Ja'seem Reed signed by Carolina Panthers.
DENVER BRONCOS – LB Jaylon Allen signed by San Francisco 49ers.
DETROIT LIONS – RB Jacob Saylor signed. TE Luke Deal cut.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – T Bernhard Raimann re-signed - Four-year extension (through 2029).
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS – TE Kevin Foelsch signed by Pittsburgh Steelers.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS – G Liam Fornadel signed by New York Jets. LB R.J. Moten signed. RB Brock Lampe placed on IR - undisclosed.
NEW YORK JETS – C Gus Hartwig cut. G Liam Fornadel signed. K Caden Davis cut. RB Lawrance Toafili signed. K Nick Folk signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – RB Lew Nichols signed by Pittsburgh Steelers. WR Ife Adeyi signed.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS – LB Jeremiah Moon cut. WR Montana Lemonious-Craig cut. RB Lew Nichols signed. TE Kevin Foelsch signed. DT Dominique Davis signed. RB Cordarrelle Patterson cut.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – LB Jaylon Allen signed. DE Tarron Jackson placed on IR - neck.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS – NT Justin Rogers cut. DT Thor Griffith signed.
TENNESSEE TITANS – K Nick Folk signed/unrestricted free agent by New York Jets - One-year contract (through 2025).
WR Treyton Burks placed on IR - broken collarbone.
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS – G Nate Herbig retired.

Wednesday, July 30

CINCINNATI BENGALS – DE Trey Hendrickson reinstated. RB Zack Moss cut.
CLEVELAND BROWNS – WR Michael Woods II cut. G Brady Latham cut. C Bucky Williams signed. CB Martin Emerson Jr. placed on IR - torn left Achilles.
DALLAS COWBOYS – WR Kelvin Harmon cut.
DENVER BRONCOS – TE Cole Fotheringham signed by New England Patriots.
GREEN BAY PACKERS – TE Tyler Davis signed/unrestricted free agent by New England Patriots. S Kahzir Brown cut. LB Jared Bartlett signed.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS – T Lucas Niang signed by Washington Commanders. P Eddie Czaplicki cut.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS – C Bucky Williams signed by Cleveland Browns.
MIAMI DOLPHINS – T Jalen McKenzie signed. T Obinna Eze placed on IR - undisclosed.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS – LB Max Tooley cut. S Gervarius Owens signed.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS – RB Trayveon Williams cut. WR DeMeer Blankumsee cut. T Yasir Durant cut. C Alec Lindstrom signed. TE Cole Fotheringham signed. TE Tyler Davis signed/unrestricted free agent.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS – T Jonathan Mendoza signed.
NEW YORK JETS – LB Jared Bartlett signed by Green Bay Packers. C Alec Lindstrom signed by New England Patriots. C Gus Hartwig placed on IR - undisclosed.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – WR Danny Gray placed on IR - undisclosed.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS – LB Jeremiah Moon placed on IR - undisclosed. WR Montana Lemonious-Craig placed on IR - undisclosed.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – T Jalen McKenzie signed by Miami Dolphins.
TENNESSEE TITANS – S Gervarius Owens signed by Minnesota Vikings.

Thursday, July 31

ATLANTA FALCONS – WR Makai Polk cut. S Henry Black signed/unrestricted free agent.
BALTIMORE RAVENS – RB Owen Wright signed/unrestricted free agent by Tampa Bay Bucs.

BUFFALO BILLS – DE Hayden Harris cut. DE Kameron Cline signed.
CINCINNATI BENGALS – LB Garrett Nelson signed by Miami Dolphins. TE Noah Fant signed. TE Kole Taylor cut.
CLEVELAND BROWNS – WR Chase Cota signed. WR Michael Woods II placed on IR - hand.
DENVER BRONCOS – LB Johnny Walker Jr. placed on IR - lower body.
HOUSTON TEXANS – CB Keydrain Calligan signed by Seattle Seahawks. DT Haggai Ndubuisi signed.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – S Henry Black signed/unrestricted free agent by Atlanta Falcons. TE Albert Okwuegbunam Jr. cut. CB Duke Shelley signed. CB Tre Herndon signed. CB David Long Jr. placed on IR - undisclosed.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS – QB Carter Bradley signed by San Francisco 49ers. RB Ameer Abdullah signed/unrestricted free agent by San Francisco 49ers - One-year contract (through 2025). T Kolton Miller re-signed - Three-year extension (through 2028).
MINNESOTA VIKINGS – DE Alexander Williams cut. T Matt Nelson signed.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS – T Yasir Durant placed on IR - undisclosed.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS – CB Tre Herndon signed by Indianapolis Colts. QB Hunter Dekkers cut. P Kai Kroeger signed.
NEW YORK GIANTS – WR Chase Cota signed by Cleveland Browns. T Matt Nelson signed by Minnesota Vikings. CB Duke Shelley signed by Indianapolis Colts.
NEW YORK JETS – P Kai Kroeger signed by New Orleans Saints. DE Kameron Cline signed by Buffalo Bills.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS – WR Andy Isabella signed by San Francisco 49ers.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – S Jaylen Mahoney cut. WR Malik Knowles cut. T Sebastian Gutierrez cut. WR Equanimeous T. Brown cut. WR Andy Isabella signed. WR Marquez Callaway signed. QB Carter Bradley signed. RB Ameer Abdullah signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS – TE Noah Fant signed by Cincinnati Bengals. DT Thor Griffith cut. CB Keydrain Calligan signed.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS – WR Marquez Callaway signed by San Francisco 49ers. RB D.J. Williams cut. S Marcus Banks cut. RB Owen Wright signed/unrestricted free agent. WR Jaden Smith signed.
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS – DT Haggai Ndubuisi signed by Houston Texans.

Friday, Aug. 1

ARIZONA CARDINALS – CB Jaden Davis cut. CB Jaden Davis Taken off IR - knee.
ATLANTA FALCONS – DT Kyler Baugh signed by Pittsburgh Steelers.
BUFFALO BILLS – DE Hayden Harris placed on IR - hamstring.
DENVER BRONCOS – LB Garret Wallow signed/unrestricted free agent. CB Mario Goodrich cut.
HOUSTON TEXANS – DT Kyonte Hamilton placed on IR - broken left ankle.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – CB Corey Ballentine cut. CB Chris Lammons signed. T Bernhard Raimann re-signed - Four-year extension (through 2029).
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS – WR Louis Rees-Zammit cut. T Ricky Lee III signed.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS – WR Key'Shawn Smith signed. CB Azizi Hearn signed. CB Ajani Carter signed. CB Eric Scott Jr. cut. CB Darius Rush cut.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS – WR Key'Shawn Smith signed by Kansas City Chiefs. CB Keenan Isaac signed by Cleveland Browns.
MIAMI DOLPHINS – QB Brett Gabbert signed. CB Kader Kohou placed on IR - partially torn ACL.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS – DE Alexander Williams placed on IR - undisclosed.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS – C Shane Lemieux re-signed - unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
NEW YORK GIANTS – CB Azizi Hearn signed by Kansas City Chiefs. T Ricky Lee III signed by Jacksonville Jaguars.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – G Marcus Tate cut. G Marcus Tate Taken off IR - undisclosed.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS – LB Jeremiah Moon cut. DT Jacob Slade cut. DT Kyler Baugh signed. LB Jeremiah Moon Taken off IR - undisclosed.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – T Sebastian Gutierrez acquired from waivers to Cleveland Browns.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS – RB D.J. Williams placed on IR - undisclosed. S Marcus Banks placed on IR - undisclosed.
TENNESSEE TITANS – LB Garret Wallow signed/unrestricted free agent by Denver Broncos.

Saturday, Aug. 2

ARIZONA CARDINALS – WR Nate McCollum signed. WR Quez Watkins placed on IR - undisclosed.
ATLANTA FALCONS – T Kilian Zierer cut. S Grayland Arnold signed.
BALTIMORE RAVENS – RB D'Ernest Johnson signed/unrestricted free agent. DE Brent Urban re-signed/unrestricted free agent - One-year contract (through 2025).
BUFFALO BILLS – T La'el Collins signed by Dallas Cowboys.
CLEVELAND BROWNS – T Geron Christian signed/unrestricted free agent by Dallas Cowboys.
DALLAS COWBOYS – T La'el Collins signed. T Geron Christian signed/unrestricted free agent. T Matt Walatzko cut. WR Parris Campbell placed on IR - knee.
DENVER BRONCOS – CB Mario Goodrich acquired from waivers to New York Jets. CB Levi Wallace signed by Jacksonville Jaguars. DE Zach Allen re-signed - Four-year extension (through 2029).
DETROIT LIONS – DT Raequan Williams cut. T Justin Herron signed/unrestricted free agent.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS – RB D'Ernest Johnson signed/unrestricted free agent by Baltimore Ravens. CB Levi Wallace signed.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS – WR Braylon Sanders signed by Washington Commanders.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS – T Justin Herron signed/unrestricted free agent by Detroit Lions. T Nick Saldiveri placed on IR - knee.
NEW YORK JETS – S Jaylin Simpson cut. CB Mario Goodrich acquired from waivers.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – WR Jacob Harris signed by Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS – S Grayland Arnold signed by Atlanta Falcons. DT Breiden Fehoko signed. DT Dean Lowry placed on IR - leg.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS – WR Nate McCollum signed by Arizona Cardinals.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS – WR Jacob Harris signed. LB David Walker placed on IR - torn ACL.
WASHINGTON COMMANDERS – WR Braylon Sanders signed. TE Tyree Jackson placed on IR - undisclosed.

Sunday, Aug. 3

ARIZONA CARDINALS – LB Krys Barnes signed/unrestricted free agent by Carolina Panthers.
ATLANTA FALCONS – T Kilian Zierer acquired from waivers to Cleveland Browns.
CAROLINA PANTHERS – LB Tuasivi Nomura cut. LB Krys Barnes signed/unrestricted free agent.
CLEVELAND BROWNS – G Germain Ifedi signed/unrestricted free agent by Miami Dolphins. WR Winston Wright Jr. cut. RB Troy Hairston cut. T Kilian Zierer acquired from waivers.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS – DT Josiah Bronson signed by Tennessee Titans. TE Albert Okwuegbunam Jr. signed by Las Vegas Raiders.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS – G Dennis Daley retired.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS – TE Pat Conroy cut. WR Kyle Philips cut. TE Albert Okwuegbunam Jr. signed. WR Kawaan Baker signed.
MIAMI DOLPHINS – WR Robbie Chosen signed by San Francisco 49ers. QB Brett Gabbert cut. G Germain Ifedi signed/unrestricted free agent.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS – WR Kawaan Baker signed by Las Vegas Raiders.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES – CB B.J. Mayes cut. TE Christian Johnstone signed.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS – WR Marquez Callaway cut. WR Robbie Chosen signed.
TENNESSEE TITANS – DT Devonte O'Malley cut. WR Ramel Keyton cut. DT Josiah Bronson signed. G Arlington Hambrick signed.

MLB TRANSACTIONS

Monday, July 21

ATLANTA BRAVES – Sandy Leon purchased from minors. RF Stuart Fairchild designated for assignment.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – P Vinny Nittoli signed to a minor league contract. P Keegan Akin sent to minors for rehabilitation.

CHICAGO CUBS – P Ben Brown called up from minors. P Ethan Roberts sent to minors.

HOUSTON ASTROS – J.P. France sent to minors for rehabilitation.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS – RF Gustavo Campero sent to minors. LF Chris Taylor removed from 10-Day IL - Left hand fracture. LF Chris Taylor recalled from minors rehab.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS – P Lou Trivino designated for assignment. Edgardo Henriquez called up from minors.

NEW YORK METS – C Hayden Senger sent to minors. C Francisco Alvarez called up from minors. P Dedniel Nunez transferred to 60-Day IL - Sprained right elbow. P Richard Lovelady outrighted to minors. P Rico Garcia acquired off waivers.

NEW YORK YANKEES – P Rico Garcia acquired off waivers by New York Mets.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – P David Robertson sent to minors. P David Robertson signed as free agent - one-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS – Brandyn Garcia purchased from minors. P Juan Burgos sent to minors.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – P Michael McGreevy called up from minors. P Gordon Graceffo sent to minors.

TEXAS RANGERS – P Chris Martin placed on 15-Day IL - Left calf strain. 1B Justin Foscue sent to minors. LF Alejandro Osuna sent to minors. P Cole Winn called up from minors. CF Michael Helman called up from minors. 3B Josh Jung called up from minors.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS – P Mason Fluaharty called up from minors. P Robinson Pina sent to minors.

Tuesday, July 22

ATHLETICS – C Jhonny Pereda acquired off waivers by Minnesota Twins. 3B Max Muncy placed on 10-Day IL - Fractured right hand. CF Denzel Clarke placed on 10-Day IL - Right adductor strain. Carlos Cortes called up from minors. LF Colby Thomas called up from minors.

ATLANTA BRAVES – RF Stuart Fairchild traded to Tampa Bay Rays for cash considerations.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – C Adley Rutschman sent to minors for rehabilitation.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – P Davis Martin removed from 15-Day IL - Strained right forearm. P Davis Martin recalled from minors rehab. P Wikelman Gonzalez sent to minors.

DETROIT TIGERS – Brendan White Released.

HOUSTON ASTROS – P Lance McCullers Jr. placed on 15-Day IL - Right finger blister. P Nick Hernandez called up from minors.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – Julio E. Rodriguez traded for cash considerations. Rich Hill purchased from minors. P Andrew Hoffmann sent to minors. RF Tyler Gentry designated for assignment.

MINNESOTA TWINS – C Jair Camargo designated for assignment. C Jhonny Pereda sent to minors. C Jhonny Pereda acquired off waivers.

NEW YORK METS – P Kevin Herget sent to minors. DH Jared Young sent to minors. P Justin Garza called up from minors. P Brandon Waddell placed on 15-Day IL - Right hip impingement. DH Starling Marte removed from 10-Day IL - Right knee bone bruise. P Chris Devenski designated for assignment.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – P Joe Ross placed on 15-Day IL - Back spasms. P Alan Rangel called up from minors.

SAN DIEGO PADRES – P Bryan Hoeing sent to minors. P Alek Jacob sent to minors. P Kyle Hart called up from minors. P Stephen Kolek called up from minors.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS – P Tristan Beck sent to minors. P Carson Seymour called up from minors. P Sean Hjelle called up from minors. P Hayden

Birdsong sent to minors.

SEATTLE MARINERS – Julio E. Rodriguez traded to Kansas City Royals for cash considerations.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – P Manuel Rodriguez transferred to 60-Day IL - Strained right forearm. RF Stuart Fairchild traded for cash considerations. 2B Brandon Lowe placed on 10-Day IL - Left ankle/foot tendinitis.

TEXAS RANGERS – P Carl Edwards Jr. signed to a minor league contract.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS – P Mason Thompson sent to minors. Konnor Pilkington purchased from minors. RF Dylan Crews transferred to 60-Day IL - Strained left oblique.

Wednesday, July 23

ATHLETICS – 1B Logan Davidson designated for assignment. P Hogan Harris sent to minors. Ben Bowden purchased from minors.

ATLANTA BRAVES – P Hunter Stratton called up from minors. P Dylan Dodd called up from minors. P Wander Suero sent to minors. P Davis Daniel sent to minors.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – C Maverick Handley transferred to 10-Day IL - Concussion. P Zach Eflin removed from 15-Day IL - Low back discomfort. P Zach Eflin recalled from minors rehab. P Brandon Young sent to minors.

CINCINNATI REDS – P Hunter Greene sent to minors for rehabilitation.

COLORADO ROCKIES – P German Marquez placed on 15-Day IL - Right biceps tendinitis. P Tanner Gordon called up from minors.

DETROIT TIGERS – Troy Melton purchased from minors. CF Brewer Hicklen designated for assignment. P Tarik Skubal placed on Paternity Leave List.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – LF Nick Loftin placed on 7-Day IL - Concussion. LF MJ Melendez called up from minors.

MINNESOTA TWINS – P Travis Adams called up from minors. P David Festa placed on 15-Day IL - Right shoulder inflammation. Diego Cartaya Released.

NEW YORK METS – P Jose Butto removed from 15-Day IL - Illness. P Jose Butto recalled from minors rehab. P Justin Garza sent to minors.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – P Andre Granillo called up from minors. P Erick Fedde designated for assignment.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – RF Stuart Fairchild placed on 10-Day IL - Strained right oblique. 2B Coco Montes called up from minors.

TEXAS RANGERS – Jon Gray removed from 60-Day IL - Fractured right forearm. Jon Gray recalled from minors rehab. P Luke Jackson designated for assignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS – P Orlando Ribalta sent to minors. P Orlando Ribalta removed from 15-Day IL - Strained right biceps. P Orlando Ribalta recalled from minors rehab.

Thursday, July 24

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – P Felix Bautista placed on 15-Day IL - Right shoulder discomfort. P Kade Stroud called up from minors.

DETROIT TIGERS – P Geoff Hartlieb purchased from minors. P Carlos Hernandez designated for assignment.

HOUSTON ASTROS – P Jason Alexander called up from minors.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS – 1B Matt Gorski signed to a minor league contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS – P Jackson Kowar called up from minors. P Brandyn Garcia sent to minors.

TEXAS RANGERS – SS Nick Ahmed Retired.

Friday, July 25

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – CF Jorge Barrosa called up from minors.

ATHLETICS – 1B Logan Davidson acquired off waivers by Houston Astros.

ATLANTA BRAVES – 3B Austin Riley removed from 10-Day IL - Strained right abdomen. 3B Nacho Alvarez Jr. sent to minors.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – P Gregory Soto traded to New York Mets for P Cameron Foster. three-player deal. Jeremiah Jackson purchased from minors.

BOSTON RED SOX – 3B Marcelo Mayer placed on 10-Day IL - Sprained right wrist. 2B David Hamilton called up from minors.

CINCINNATI REDS – P Scott Barlow placed on Paternity Leave List. P Luis Mey called up from minors.

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS – SS Gabriel Arias removed from 10-Day IL - Sprained left ankle. SS Gabriel Arias recalled from minors rehab. 2B Will Wilson sent to minors.

COLORADO ROCKIES – 3B Ryan McMahon traded to New York Yankees for Ps Josh Grosh and Griffin Herring. Nick Anderson purchased from minors.

2B Thairo Estrada removed from 10-Day IL - Sprained left thumb. RF Sean Bouchard designated for assignment. P Victor Vodnik placed on Paternity Leave List.

HOUSTON ASTROS – P Nick Robertson designated for assignment. 1B Logan Davidson sent to minors. 1B Logan Davidson acquired off waivers. P Nick Hernandez called up from minors. P Brandon Walter placed on 15-Day IL - Left elbow inflammation.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – P Hunter Harvey removed from 60-Day IL - Right teres major strain. P Hunter Harvey recalled from minors rehab. DH Cavan Biggio designated for assignment. P Jonathan Bowlan sent to minors.

MIAMI MARLINS – P Freddy Tarnok called up from minors. P Lake Bachar placed on Paternity Leave List.

MINNESOTA TWINS – P Anthony Misiewicz placed on 15-Day IL - Left shoulder impingement. P Kody Funderburk called up from minors.

NEW YORK METS – P Jose Castillo purchased from minors. P Max Kranick transferred to 60-Day IL - Right elbow surgery - out for season. P Alex Carrillo sent to minors. P Gregory Soto traded for P Cameron Foster. three-player deal.

SAN DIEGO PADRES – Ron Marinaccio called up from minors. P Kyle Hart sent to minors.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS – P Tristan Beck called up from minors. P Landen Roupp placed on 15-Day IL - Right elbow inflammation.

SEATTLE MARINERS – 3B Miles Mastrobuoni sent to minors.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – SS Ha-Seong Kim placed on 10-Day IL - Low back strain. CF Jonny DeLuca removed from 60-Day IL - Right shoulder strain. CF Jonny DeLuca recalled from minors rehab. P Jacob Waguespack designated for assignment. P Mason Montgomery called up from minors.

TEXAS RANGERS – CF Sam Haggerty removed from 10-Day IL - Left ankle inflammation. DH Cody Freeman sent to minors.

Saturday, July 26

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – P Brandyn Garcia called up from minors. P Trevor Richards designated for assignment.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – P Yamil Hiraldo called up from minors. Jeremiah Jackson sent to minors.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – Tristan Gray traded to Tampa Bay Rays for cash considerations. Tristan Gray NTR - Called Up From Minors.

CINCINNATI REDS – P Luis Mey sent to minors. P Scott Barlow Reinstated from Paternity Leave List.

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS – P Zak Kent called up from minors recalled as 27th roster player.

COLORADO ROCKIES – Warming Bernabel purchased from minors.

DETROIT TIGERS – CF Brewer Hicklen traded to Philadelphia Phillies for cash considerations. P Luke Jackson signed as free agent one-year contract. P Keider Montero sent to minors. P Tarik Skubal Reinstated from Paternity Leave List. P Geoff Hartlieb designated for assignment.

HOUSTON ASTROS – P Luis Contreras called up from minors. P Nick Hernandez sent to minors.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – P Jonathan Bowlan called up from minors recalled as 27th roster player.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS – LF Chris Taylor placed on 10-Day IL - Left hand fracture. RF Jorge Soler placed on 10-Day IL - Low back inflammation. RF Gustavo Campero called up from minors. 2B Scott

Kingery called up from minors.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS – 1B Tyler Black sent to minors. RF Sal Frelick removed from 10-Day IL - Strained left hamstring.

MINNESOTA TWINS – DH Mickey Gasper called up from minors. C Ryan Jeffers placed on Paternity Leave List.

NEW YORK METS – P Chris Devenski outrighted to minors.

NEW YORK YANKEES – P Yerry de los Santos removed from 15-Day IL - Right elbow discomfort. P Yerry de los Santos recalled from minors rehab.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – Ryan Cusick designated for assignment. CF Brewer Hicklen sent to minors. CF Brewer Hicklen traded for cash considerations.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – 2B Coco Montes designated for assignment. Tristan Gray traded for cash considerations.

TEXAS RANGERS – P Luke Jackson Cleared Waivers and Became a Free Agent.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS – 3B Will Wagner placed on Restricted List. LF Alan Roden called up from minors.

Sunday, July 27

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – CF Alek Thomas Reinstated from Bereavement/Family Medical Emergency List.

ATLANTA BRAVES – P Erick Fedde traded for future considerations. C Jair Camargo signed to a minor league contract. 2B Jose Devers Released.

P Daysbel Hernandez called up from minors. P Grant Holmes placed on 60-Day IL - Right elbow inflammation.

COLORADO ROCKIES – P Zach Agnos placed on 15-Day IL - Flexor strain, right elbow. P Ryan Rolison sent to minors. P Angel Chivilli called up from minors. P Jaden Hill called up from minors.

DETROIT TIGERS – SS Trey Sweeney sent to minors. RF Kerry Carpenter removed from 10-Day IL - Strained right hamstring. RF Kerry Carpenter recalled from minors rehab.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – RF Tyler Gentry outrighted to minors. P Kris Bubic placed on 15-Day IL - Strained left rotator cuff. RF Jac Caglianone placed on 10-Day IL - Strained left hamstring.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS – P Lou Trivino Released.

P Edgardo Henriquez sent to minors. P Will Klein sent to minors. P Justin Wrobleksi called up from minors. P Blake Treinen removed from 60-Day IL - Right forearm tightness. P Blake Treinen recalled from minors rehab.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS – P Tobias Myers sent to minors.

NEW YORK METS – P Jose Castillo designated for assignment.

NEW YORK YANKEES – RF Aaron Judge placed on 10-Day IL - Flexor strain, right elbow. P Brent Heard called up from minors.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – P Erick Fedde traded to Atlanta Braves for future considerations.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – P Jacob Waguespack Released.

TEXAS RANGERS – CF Michael Helman sent to minors. DH Joc Pederson removed from 10-Day IL - Fractured right hand. DH Joc Pederson recalled from minors rehab.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS – C Ali Sanchez purchased from minors. C Alejandro Kirk placed on 7-Day IL - Concussion.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS – 3B Jose Tena called up from minors.

Monday, July 28

ATLANTA BRAVES – P Hunter Stratton sent to minors. P Carlos Carrasco traded for cash considerations.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – C Jacob Stallings designated for assignment. P Yamil Hiraldo sent to minors. C Adley Rutschman removed from 10-Day IL - Strained left oblique. C Adley Rutschman recalled from minors rehab. P Keegan Akin removed from 15-Day IL - Left shoulder inflammation. P Keegan Akin recalled from minors rehab.

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS – P Tim Herrin called up from minors. P Emmanuel Clase placed on Re-

stricted List.

COLORADO ROCKIES – P Victor Vodnik Reinstated from Paternity Leave List. P Nick Anderson sent to minors.

DETROIT TIGERS – CF Parker Meadows placed on 10-Day IL - Strained right quad. 3B Andy Ibanez called up from minors. P Reese Olson placed on 60-Day IL - Right shoulder strain. CF Ryan Kreidler called up from minors. P Randy Dobnak traded w/P Chris Paddock for C Enrique Jimenez. P Chris Paddock traded w/P Randy Dobnak for C Enrique Jimenez.

HOUSTON ASTROS – LF Jacob Melton removed from 10-Day IL - Sprained right ankle. LF Jacob Melton recalled from minors rehab. DH Jon Singleton designated for assignment. 2B Luis Guillorme Refused Minor League Assignment - Free Agent. 2B Luis Guillorme removed from 10-Day IL - Strained right hamstring. 2B Luis Guillorme recalled from minors rehab.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS – P Jack Kochanowicz called up from minors.

MIAMI MARLINS – P Lake Bachar Reinstated from Paternity Leave List. P Freddy Tarnok sent to minors.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS – P Rob Zastryzny recalled from minors rehab. P Craig Yoho called up from minors.

MINNESOTA TWINS – P Randy Dobnak traded to Detroit Tigers w/P Chris Paddock for C Enrique Jimenez. P Chris Paddock traded to Detroit Tigers w/P Randy Dobnak for C Enrique Jimenez. P Connor Gillispie designated for assignment. P Travis Adams sent to minors. Michael Tonkin purchased from minors.

NEW YORK YANKEES – P Carlos Carrasco traded to Atlanta Braves for cash considerations.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS – Carson Ragsdale designated for assignment. Carson Whisenhunt purchased from minors. P Sean Hjelle sent to minors.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – P Andre Granillo sent to minors. P Matt Svanson called up from minors.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – 2B Coco Montes outrighted to minors.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS – P Bowden Francis transferred to 60-Day IL - Right shoulder impingement. 3B Will Wagner Reinstated from Restricted List. LF Alan Roden sent to minors.

Tuesday, July 29

ATHLETICS – Darell Hernaiz called up from minors. SS Jacob Wilson placed on 10-Day IL - Fractured left forearm.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – P Seranthony Dominguez traded to Toronto Blue Jays with cash for RHP Juaron Watts-Brown. Houston Roth purchased from minors. P Yamil Hiraldo sent to minors. P Elvin Rodriguez called up from minors. C Jackson Reetz signed to a minor league contract. P Colin Selby placed on 15-Day IL - Strained left hamstring. P Yamil Hiraldo called up from minors. P Brandon Young called up from minors recalled as 27th roster player.

BOSTON RED SOX – P Austin Adams Released. P Cooper Criswell called up from minors. P Richard Fitts sent to minors.

CHICAGO CUBS – P Gavin Hollowell called up from minors. P Chris Flexen designated for assignment.

CINCINNATI REDS – RF Rece Hinds called up from minors. CF TJ Friedl placed on Paternity Leave List.

DETROIT TIGERS – P Geoff Hartlieb outrighted to minors. CF Ryan Kreidler sent to minors.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – Thomas Hatch purchased from minors. P Rich Hill designated for assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS – 2B Hyeseong Kim placed on 10-Day IL - Left shoulder bursitis. Alex Freeland purchased from minors.

MIAMI MARLINS – C Nick Fortes traded to Tampa Bay Rays for OF Matthew Etzel. Troy Johnston purchased from minors.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS – P Easton McGee called up from minors. P Craig Yoho sent to minors. C Eric Haase designated for assignment.

MINNESOTA TWINS – C Ryan Jeffers Reinstated from Paternity Leave List. CF Byron Buxton placed on 10-Day IL - Left rib cage inflammation. Pierson Ohl purchased from minors.

NEW YORK METS – P Huascar Brazoban designated for assignment. P Chris Devenski signed as free agent one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES – P Ryan Bergert called up from minors. P Stephen Kolek sent to minors.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS – P Chad Green designated for assignment. P Seranthony Dominguez traded with cash for RHP Juanon Watts-Brown. P Paxton Schultz removed from 15-Day IL - Right middle finger inflammation. P Paxton Schultz recalled from minors rehab. P Easton Lucas sent to minors. P Justin Bruihl sent to minors. P Easton Lucas called up from minors. P Lazaro Estrada called up from minors recalled as 27th roster player.

Wednesday, July 30

ATLANTA BRAVES – P Enyel De Los Santos designated for assignment. P Tyler Kinley traded for Austin Smith. RF Jarred Kelenic called up from minors. RF Ronald Acuna Jr. placed on 10-Day IL - Right Achilles tendon inflammation.

CHICAGO CUBS – P Porter Hodge sent to minors. P Porter Hodge removed from 15-Day IL - Right shoulder impingement. P Porter Hodge recalled from minors rehab. 3B Vidal Brujan designated for assignment. DH Moises Ballesteros called up from minors.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – RF Austin Slater traded to New York Yankees for P Gage Ziehl. LF Will Roberts called up from minors.

CINCINNATI REDS – P Taylor Rogers traded to Pittsburgh Pirates w/Stafura and cash for Ke'Bryan Hayes. P Luis Mey called up from minors. 3B Ke'Bryan Hayes traded For Rogers, Stafura and cash.

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS – Trevor Stephan sent to minors. Trevor Stephan removed from 60-Day IL - Recovery from right elbow surgery. Trevor Stephan recalled from minors rehab.

COLORADO ROCKIES – P Tyler Kinley traded to Atlanta Braves for Austin Smith.

HOUSTON ASTROS – 2B Luis Guillorme signed to a minor league contract.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS – P Jake Eder traded to Washington Nationals w/S. Brown for A. Chafin and L. Garcia. P Jose Quijada designated for assignment. P Luis Garcia traded w/A. Chafin for J.Eder and S. Brown. P Andrew Chafin traded w/L. Garcia for J. Eder and S. Brown.

MINNESOTA TWINS – P Jhoan Duran traded to Philadelphia Phillies for Mick Abel and Eduardo Tait. P Mick Abel traded w/ Eduardo Tait for Jhoan Duran. Eduardo Tait traded w/ Mick Abel for Jhoan Duran. P Pierson Ohl sent to minors. P Noah Davis called up from minors.

NEW YORK METS – Drew Gilbert traded to San Francisco Giants w/ Butto, Tidwell for Tyler Rogers. P Blade Tidwell traded to San Francisco Giants w/ Butto, Gilbert for Tyler Rogers. P Jose Butto traded to San Francisco Giants w/Tidwell, Gilbert for Tyler Rogers. P Tyler Rogers traded for Butto, Tidwell and Gilbert.

NEW YORK YANKEES – C J.C. Escarra sent to minors. P Clarke Schmidt transferred to 60-Day IL - Right elbow surgery - out for season. RF Austin Slater traded for P Gage Ziehl.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – P Mick Abel traded to Minnesota Twins w/ Eduardo Tait for Jhoan Duran. Eduardo Tait traded to Minnesota Twins w/ Mick Abel for Jhoan Duran. P Jhoan Duran traded for Butto, Tidwell and Eduardo Tait.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES – 3B Ke'Bryan Hayes traded to Cincinnati Reds For Rogers, Stafura and cash. P Taylor Rogers traded w/Stafura and cash for Ke'Bryan Hayes.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS – P Tyler Rogers traded to New York Mets for Butto, Tidwell and Gilbert. P Sean Hjelle designated for assignment. Drew Gilbert traded w/ Butto, Tidwell for Tyler Rogers. P Blade Tidwell traded w/ Butto, Gilbert for Tyler Rogers. P Jose Butto traded w/Tidwell, Gilbert for Tyler Rogers.

SEATTLE MARINERS – RF Luke Raley placed on 10-Day IL - Back spasms. Tyler Locklear called up from minors.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – P John King placed on 15-Day IL - Left oblique strain. P Gordon Graceffo called up from minors.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – 2B Tristan Gray sent to minors. 2B Brandon Lowe removed from 10-Day IL - Left ankle/foot tendinitis. P Ian Seymour sent to minors. P Paul Gervase called up from minors.

TEXAS RANGERS – Luis Curvelo called up from minors.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS – P Luis Garcia traded to Los Angeles Angels w/A. Chafin for J.Eder and S. Brown. P Andrew Chafin traded to Los Angeles Angels w/L. Garcia for J. Eder and S. Brown. P Zach Brzykcy called up from minors. P Jake Eder traded w/S. Brown for A. Chafin and L. Garcia.

Thursday, July 31

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – P Merrill Kelly traded to Texas Rangers for LHP Kohl Drake, four-player deal. 3B Eugenio Suarez traded to Seattle Mariners for Locklear, Cranton and Burgos. Tyler Locklear traded w/Cranton, Burgos for Eugenio Suarez.

ATHLETICS – 3B Miguel Andujar traded to Cincinnati Reds for Kenya Huggins. P JP Sears traded to San Diego Padres w/Miller for De Vries, Baez, Nett, Nunez. P Mason Miller traded to San Diego Padres w/Sears for De Vries, Baez, Nett, Nunez. P Eduarniel Nunez traded w/Baez, Nett for Miller, Sears. Henry Baez traded w/Nett, Nunez for Miller, Sears. Leodalis De Vries traded w/Baez, Nutt, Nunez for Miller, Sears.

ATLANTA BRAVES – C Jason Delay outrighted to minors. P Carlos Carrasco purchased from minors.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – CF Cedric Mullins traded to New York Mets for Gomez, Marsh and Nunez. P Andrew Kittredge traded to Chicago Cubs for Wilfri De La Cruz. 3B Ramon Urias traded to Houston Astros with cash for RHP Twine Palmer. P Zach Eflin placed on 15-Day IL - Low back discomfort. P Brandon Young called up from minors.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – P Adrian Houser traded to Tampa Bay Rays for IF Curtis Mead, four-player deal. 1B Curtis Mead acquired from Tampa Bay for RHP Adrian Houser, four-player deal. 1B Ryan Noda sent to minors. 1B Ryan Noda removed from 10-Day IL - Strained right quad. 1B Ryan Noda recalled from minors rehab.

CINCINNATI REDS – 3B Miguel Andujar acquired from Athletics for Kenya Huggins. RF Rece Hinds sent to minors.

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS – P Paul Sewald traded to Detroit Tigers for future considerations. Shane Bieber traded to Toronto Blue Jays for Khal Stephen.

COLORADO ROCKIES – P Jake Bird traded to New York Yankees for Riggio and Shields.

DETROIT TIGERS – P Paul Sewald transferred to 60-Day IL - Right shoulder strain. P Kyle Finnegan traded for Josh Randall and R.J. Sales. P Codi Heuer traded for cash consideration. P Matt Manning designated for assignment. P Paul Sewald traded for future considerations.

HOUSTON ASTROS – P Ryan Gusto traded to Miami Marlins w/Jaworsky, Valencia for Jesus Sanchez. Matt Mikulski traded to Minnesota Twins for Carlos Correa. RF Jesus Sanchez traded for Gusto, Jaworsky, Valencia. SS Carlos Correa traded for Matt Mikulski. DH Jon Singleton outrighted to minors. 3B Ramon Urias traded with cash for RHP Twine Palmer.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – C Freddy Fermin traded to San Diego Padres for Stephen Kolek and Ryan Bergert. P Bailey Falter traded for Callan Moss and Evan Sisk. P Ryan Bergert traded w/Stephen Kolek for Freddy Fermin. P Stephen Kolek traded w/ Ryan Bergert for Freddy Fermin.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS – CF James Outman traded to Minnesota Twins for Brock Stewart. 1B Hunter Feduccia traded to Tampa Bay Rays For Gervase, Rortvedt, Serwinowski. P Brock Stewart traded for James Outman. C Ben Rortvedt traded w/Gervase, Serwinoski for Feduccia. P Paul Gervase traded w/Rortvedt, Serwinowski for Feduccia.

MIAMI MARLINS – RF Jesus Sanchez traded to Houston Astros for Gusto, Jaworsky, Valencia. P Ryan Gusto traded w/Jaworsky, Valencia for Jesus Sanchez.

MINNESOTA TWINS – SS Carlos Correa traded to Houston Astros for Matt Mikulski. P Danny Coulombe traded to Texas Rangers for Garrett Horn. P Brock Stewart traded to Los Angeles Dodgers for James Outman. LF Harrison Bader traded to Philadelphia Phillies for Hendry Mendez and Jeremy Villoria. Matt Mikulski traded for Carlos Correa. CF James Outman traded for Brock Stewart.

NEW YORK METS – P Chris Devenski sent to minors. DH Jesse Winker transferred to 60-Day IL - Lower back inflammation. CF Cedric Mullins traded for Gomez, Marsh and Nunez.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – P Brett de Geus designated for assignment. LF Harrison Bader traded for Hendry Mendez and Jeremy Villoria.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES – P David Bednar traded to New York Yankees for C Rafael Flores, four-player deal. P Bailey Falter traded to Kansas City Royals for Callan Moss and Evan Sisk.

SAN DIEGO PADRES – Brandon Valenzuela traded to Toronto Blue Jays for Will Wagner. P Ryan Bergert traded to Kansas City Royals w/Stephen Kolek for Freddy Fermin. P Stephen Kolek traded to Kansas City Royals w/ Ryan Bergert for Freddy Fermin. P Eduarniel Nunez traded to Athletics w/Baez, Nett for Miller, Sears. Henry Baez traded to Athletics w/Nett, Nunez for Miller, Sears. Leodalis De Vries traded to Athletics w/Baez, Nutt, Nunez for Miller, Sears. 3B Will Wagner traded for Brandon Valenzuela. C Freddy Fermin traded for Stephen Kolek and Ryan Bergert. P JP Sears traded w/Miller for De Vries, Baez, Nett, Nunez. P Mason Miller traded w/Sears for De Vries, Baez, Nett, Nunez.

SEATTLE MARINERS – Tyler Locklear traded to Arizona Diamondbacks w/Cranton, Burgos for Eugenio Suarez. 3B Ben Williamson sent to minors. 3B Miles Maestruonuoni called up from minors. 3B Eugenio Suarez traded for Locklear, Cranton and Burgos.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – 1B Curtis Mead traded to Chicago White Sox for RHP Adrian Houser, four-player deal. C Ben Rortvedt traded to Los Angeles Dodgers w/Gervase, Serwinowski for Feduccia. P Paul Gervase traded to Los Angeles Dodgers w/Rortvedt, Serwinowski for Feduccia. 1B Curtis Mead NTR - Called Up From Minors. P Adrian Houser traded for IF Curtis Mead, four-player deal. P Ian Seymour called up from minors. P Joe Rock called up from minors. 1B Hunter Feduccia traded For Gervase, Rortvedt, Serwinowski.

TEXAS RANGERS – P Codi Heuer traded to Detroit Tigers for cash consideration. P Merrill Kelly traded for LHP Kohl Drake, four-player deal. P Danny Coulombe traded for Garrett Horn.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS – 3B Will Wagner traded to San Diego Padres for Brandon Valenzuela. Brandon Valenzuela traded for Will Wagner. Shane Bieber traded for Khal Stephen.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS – P Kyle Finnegan traded to Detroit Tigers for Josh Randall and R.J. Sales.

Friday, Aug. 1

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS – 1B Tristin English sent to minors. P Brandy Garcia sent to minors. Connor Kaiser purchased from minors. Kyle Nelson purchased from minors. P Jalen Beeks removed from 15-Day IL - Lower back inflammation. P Jalen Beeks recalled from minors rehab.

ATHLETICS – CF JJ Bleday called up from minors. P Eduarniel Nunez called up from minors. Luis Morales purchased from minors.

ATLANTA BRAVES – P Austin Cox called up from minors. P Dane Dunning sent to minors.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – Terrin Vavra purchased from minors. CF Jordyn Adams purchased from minors. SS Luis Vazquez called up from minors.

BOSTON RED SOX – P Brennan Bernardino sent to minors.

CHICAGO CUBS – DH Moises Ballesteros sent to minors. P Gavin Hollowell sent to minors.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – LF Will Robertson sent to minors. Corey Julks purchased from minors. P Shane Smith removed from 15-Day IL - Sprained left ankle.

CINCINNATI REDS – CF TJ Friedl placed on Restricted List. CF TJ Friedl Reinstated from Paternity Leave List.

COLORADO ROCKIES – Dugan Darnell purchased from minors. P Carson Palmquist called up from minors.

DETROIT TIGERS – P Chase Lee sent to minors.

HOUSTON ASTROS – P Nick Robertson outrighted to minors. SS Zack Short outrighted to minors. LF Jacob Melton sent to minors. 2B Brice Matthews sent to minors. P Nick Hernandez called up from minors. SS Jeremy Pena removed from 10-Day IL - Fractured rib, left side. SS Jeremy Pena recalled from minors rehab.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – P Rich Hill Refused Minor League Assignment - Free Agent. LF MJ Melendez sent to minors. LF Nick Loftin Removed from 7-Day IL - Concussion.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS – P Kirby Yates placed on 15-Day IL - Lower back pain.

MIAMI MARLINS – P Anthony Veneziano designated for assignment. Jakob Marsee purchased from minors.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS – LF Brandon Lockridge called up from minors. CF Jackson Chourio placed on 10-Day IL - Strained right hamstring.

MINNESOTA TWINS – P Jose Urena purchased from minors. Erasmo Ramirez purchased from minors. LF Alan Roden called up from minors. P Pierson Ohl called up from minors. Austin Martin called up from minors. 2B Edouard Julien called up from minors. 2B Ryan Fitzgerald called up from minors. P Travis Adams called up from minors.

NEW YORK YANKEES – P Marcus Stroman Released.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES – CF Johan Rojas sent to minors. P Daniel Robert placed on 15-Day IL - Right middle finger blister.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES – P Ryan Borucki removed from 15-Day IL - Lower back discomfort. P Ryan Borucki recalled from minors rehab. 1B Jared Triolo called up from minors. P Kyle Nicolas called up from minors. P Thomas Harrington called up from minors.

SAN DIEGO PADRES – CF Tyler Wade designated for assignment. P Ron Marinaccio sent to minors.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS – Grant McCray called up from minors. Kai-Wei Teng purchased from minors.

SEATTLE MARINERS – P Trent Thornton placed on 15-Day IL - Torn left Achilles. P Jackson Kowar called up from minors.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS – 2B Nolan Gorman removed from 10-Day IL - Back tightness. P Roddery Munoz called up from minors. P Andre Granillo called up from minors. P Ryan Fernandez called up from minors. 3B Nolan Arenado placed on 10-Day IL - Right shoulder strain. 2B Nolan Gorman recalled from minors rehab.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – 2B Tristan Gray called up from minors. SS Ha-Seong Kim removed from 10-Day IL - Low back strain. C Matt Thaiss designated for assignment. 1B Jonathan Aranda placed on 10-Day IL - Fractured left wrist. P Joe Rock sent to minors.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS – P Paxton Schultz sent to minors. DH George Springer placed on 7-Day IL - Concussion. CF Daulton Varsho removed from 10-Day IL - Strained left hamstring. CF Daulton Varsho recalled from minors rehab.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS – P Orlando Ribalta called up from minors. P Shinnosuke Ogasawara called up from minors. P Ryan Loutos called up from minors. CF Robert Hassell III called up from minors.

Saturday, Aug. 2

ATLANTA BRAVES – SS Jonathan Ornelas called up from minors recalled as 27th roster player.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – 1B Ryan Noda sent to mi-

nors. 1B Ryan Noda acquired off waivers.

BOSTON RED SOX – P Luis Guerrero transferred to 60-Day IL - Strained right elbow. P Zack Kelly recalled from minors rehab. P Zack Kelly sent to minors. P Zack Kelly removed from 15-Day IL - Strained right oblique. P Nick Burdi sent to minors. P Nick Burdi removed from 60-Day IL - Right foot contusion. P Nick Burdi recalled from minors rehab. P Cooper Criswell sent to minors.

CHICAGO CUBS – P Brooks Kriske designated for assignment.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – 1B Ryan Noda acquired off waivers by Baltimore Orioles. Jesse Scholtens sent to minors. Jesse Scholtens removed from 60-Day IL - Recovery from right elbow surgery. Jesse Scholtens recalled from minors rehab. P Owen White called up from minors. P Dan Altavilla placed on 15-Day IL - Right lat strain.

CINCINNATI REDS – CF TJ Friedl Reinstated From Restricted List reinstated as 27th roster player. P Lyon Richardson sent to minors. RF Connor Joe sent to minors.

CLEVELAND GUARDIANS – CJ Kayfus purchased from minors. P Tim Herrin sent to minors. RF Johnathan Rodriguez sent to minors.

COLORADO ROCKIES – P Antonio Senzatela placed on 15-Day IL - Right middle finger blister. P Ryan Rolison called up from minors.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – P Thomas Hatch designated for assignment. P Jonathan Bowlan sent to minors.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS – Bryce Teodosio purchased from minors. 1B LaMonte Wade Jr. Released. 3B Kevin Newman Released.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS – P Blake Snell removed from 60-Day IL - Left shoulder inflammation. P Blake Snell recalled from minors rehab. P Paul Gervase sent to minors.

MINNESOTA TWINS – P Bailey Ober removed from 15-Day IL - Left hip impingement. P Bailey Ober recalled from minors rehab.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES – Dauri Moreta called up from minors. P Thomas Harrington sent to minors.

TAMPA BAY RAYS – P Kevin Kelly sent to minors.

TEXAS RANGERS – CF Evan Carter placed on 10-Day IL - Back spasms. LF Alejandro Osuna called up from minors.

Sunday, Aug. 3

BALTIMORE ORIOLES – 3B Vidal Brujan acquired off waivers. Carson Ragsdale acquired off waivers. 2B Terrin Vavra designated for assignment. 1B Ryan Noda called up from minors.

CHICAGO CUBS – 3B Vidal Brujan acquired off waivers by Baltimore Orioles.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX – P Elvis Peguero acquired off waivers. P Bryan Hudson acquired off waivers. Jesse Scholtens designated for assignment. 3B Miguel Vargas placed on 10-Day IL - Strained left oblique. 1B Curtis Mead called up from minors.

CINCINNATI REDS – P Lyon Richardson called up from minors. RF Will Benson sent to minors.

COLORADO ROCKIES – P Seth Halvorsen placed on 15-Day IL - Strained right elbow. 1B Michael Toglia sent to minors. C Braxton Fulford called up from minors. P Nick Anderson called up from minors.

DETROIT TIGERS – PJ Poulin acquired off waivers by Washington Nationals.

HOUSTON ASTROS – P Luis Contreras sent to minors. John Rooney purchased from minors. John Rooney traded for cash considerations.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS – P Steven Cruz placed on 15-Day IL - Right shoulder impingement. P Daniel Lynch IV removed from 15-Day IL - Left elbow nerve irritation. P Daniel Lynch IV recalled from minors rehab.

WNBA STANDINGS THROUGH AUG. 3

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Liberty	18	10	.643	–
Atlanta	18	11	.621	½
Indiana	17	12	.586	1½
Washington	13	15	.464	5
Chicago	7	21	.250	11
Connecticut	5	22	.185	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	24	5	.828	–
Phoenix	17	11	.607	6½
Seattle	16	13	.552	8
Las Vegas	15	14	.517	9
Golden State	14	14	.500	9½
L.A. Sparks	12	15	.444	11
Dallas	8	21	.276	16

RYNE SANDBERG 1960-2025

Cubbie a power-hitting middle infielder

Steve Gardner

USA TODAY

Hall of Fame second baseman Ryne Sandberg, a fixture at the position for the Chicago Cubs for all but one of his 16 major league seasons, died at the age of 65, the team announced July 28.

Sandberg publicly revealed Jan. 23, 2024, that he had begun treatment for metastatic prostate cancer. That May, he announced he was cancer-free before sharing on social media in December that the cancer had returned and spread to other organs.

A 10-time All-Star and nine-time Gold Glove award winner, Sandberg blazed a trail in the 1980s for a wave of power-hitting middle infielders who would come along later.

"Ryne Sandberg was a legend of the Chicago Cubs franchise and a beloved figure throughout Major League Baseball," MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred said in a statement. "He was a five-tool player who excelled in every facet of the game thanks to his power, speed and work ethic."

At the time he retired as a player (for the second time), Sandberg held the major league record for home runs by a second baseman with 282. And his seven Silver Slugger awards are the most at the position. Sandberg finished his career with 2,386 hits, a .285 batting average and 344 stolen bases.

A native of Spokane, Washington, Sandberg was selected by the Philadelphia Phillies out of high school in the 20th round of the 1978 draft.

He made his MLB debut in 1981 as a September call-up, playing in 13 games and getting a total of six plate appearances. That winter he was involved in a trade that would change the course of baseball history.

With Sandberg seemingly blocked by veteran second baseman Manny Trillo and third baseman Mike Schmidt, the Phillies sent him, along with veteran shortstop Larry Bowa, to the Cubs for shortstop Iván de Jesús.

The next season, the 22-year-old Sandberg became the everyday starter for the Cubs at third base – before moving to second for good in 1983 and winning the first of his nine Gold Gloves.

Sandberg was the National League's



Ryne Sandberg of the Chicago Cubs was voted the National League MVP in 1984.

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Most Valuable Player in 1984, hitting .314 with 19 homers, 32 stolen bases and a league-leading 114 runs scored as the Cubs won the NL East Division title and reached the playoffs for the first time in 39 years.

That season also marked the first of 10 consecutive All-Star appearances for Sandberg.

His best was yet to come.

After leading the Cubs to another division title in 1989, Sandberg followed it up by hitting .306 and leading the NL with a career-high 40 home runs. He

also led the league in runs scored (116) and total bases (344).

However, the Cubs fell back into their traditional state of mediocrity, and Sandberg never again played in the postseason.

After playing in just 54 games during the strike-shortened 1994 season, Sandberg announced his retirement at age 34.

But after sitting out the '95 season, he returned to play two more productive but mostly uneventful seasons.

Perhaps the biggest highlight was

surpassing Joe Morgan for the most home runs in baseball history by a second baseman, a feat he accomplished in his final year.

His career .989 fielding percentage was also a major league record for a second baseman when he retired.

Sandberg was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame on his third try, joining Wade Boggs in Cooperstown as a member of the Class of 2005.

Even after his induction into the Hall, Sandberg remained connected to the game.

The following year, 2006, he began his career as a manager with the Peoria (Illinois) Chiefs, the Cubs' Class A affiliate in the Midwest League.

From there he moved up the organizational ladder and was a candidate to replace retiring Lou Piniella as Cubs manager, but the job went to interim skipper Mike Quade.

Disappointed at not getting the job, Sandberg left the Cubs organization and caught on with the franchise that originally drafted him, the Phillies.

After two years managing in the minors, he was promoted to the major league staff in 2013 and took over as interim manager when Charlie Manuel was fired.

Over parts of three seasons under Sandberg, the Phillies went 119-159 (.428) and never finished higher than fourth place.

He resigned June 26, 2015, and eventually returned to the Cubs organization, where he served as a team ambassador and occasional color commentator on the team's television game broadcasts.

"Ryne Sandberg was a hero to a generation of Chicago Cubs fans and will be remembered as one of the all-time greats in nearly 150 years of this historic franchise," Cubs executive chairman Tom Ricketts said in a statement. "His dedication to and respect for the game, along with his unrelenting integrity, grit, hustle, and competitive fire, were hallmarks of his career."

"He was immensely proud of his teammates and his role as a global ambassador of the game of baseball, but most of all, he was proud of (wife) Margaret, his children and his role as husband, father, and grandfather."

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ELECTION 2026

GOP plan in Texas ignites a ‘war’

Redistricting showdown reverberates nationwide

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Texas has ripped open a nasty fight in its legislative halls of power that could determine who controls Congress during President Donald Trump’s final two years in office.

Republican legislators in Austin redrew the Lone Star State’s congressional maps after pressure from the president’s political operatives, who are nervous that Democrats might win control of the House – as is typical for the party out of power – in 2026.

The new maps, advanced by a Texas legislative committee Aug. 2, create five new GOP-leaning districts and target Democratic incumbents.

Not a new tactic

Hiding or fleeing to prevent a vote has been used by both parties before. **3A**

They would give Republicans in Congress more cushion to defend their slim House majority in other states ahead of the midterm elections. Voting rights advocates say the changes will suppress Black and Hispanic voters.

The move has set off a partisan tug-of-war.

Texas Democrats left the state in an attempt to sabotage the Republican plan, which has a 30-day time limit in the special session Gov. Greg Abbott convened July 25.

Trump defended the plan Aug. 5 on CNBC’s “Squawk Box.”

“I won Texas,” he said, “and we are entitled to five more seats.”

Trump also said the places to which Texas Democrats fled have been using the same tactics when crafting their congressional districts. “Do you notice they go to Illinois for safety, but that’s all gerrymandered,” he said. “California is gerrymandered. We should have many more seats in Congress. It’s all gerrymandered.”

Republicans fear Trump will be impeached for a third time should Democrats win back the House, and progressives have equally fretted that the president and his allies are looking to tilt the election scales and lock them out of power for the foreseeable future as the administration bulldozes its agenda through despite resistance.

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Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, a stalwart ally of President Donald Trump, has threatened Democrats who fled the state to sabotage a special legislative session with arrest and expulsion.

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“A lot of people who are caregivers feel guilty for feeling overwhelmed. ... But **we need to normalize the conversation** that these feelings that you’re having, the feeling trapped and frustrated and sometimes angry, is very normal.”

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Angie Scheu carries her daughter Rachel, 4, in their Westerville, Ohio, home. DORAL CHENOWETH/USA TODAY NETWORK

CARING FOR FAMILY, SUFFERING IN SILENCE

‘Overwhelmed’ caregivers face suicidal thoughts

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When Angie Scheu needs a few minutes to herself, she escapes to her back porch in Westerville, Ohio, to sit and listen to birds chirping.

She gazes at her bushy basil plant in its large pot and her aging McIntosh apple tree in the yard. She tells herself her feelings of overwhelm are temporary, though she knows the chaos that comes with motherhood is part of the deal. She always wanted to be a mom. She loves her three daughters: Evelyn, 17; Sophia, 14; and

Americans experiencing suicidal thoughts

4.3%

national average

42%

for parents of disabled children

32%

for caregivers of dementia patients

23.6%

for caregivers of veterans

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

her youngest, 4-year-old Rachel, who was born with Down syndrome during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scheu, 44, said she’s had thoughts of suicide three times: once 30 years ago, again in 2021 and most recently in the fall of 2024. In those moments, she wondered: “Am I better off gone?”

“It usually follows a period of catastrophizing,” Scheu said. “It usually just follows a period of feeling hopeless and helpless and just not sure what to do, and not feeling like I have any answers.”

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Pucker up: Kiss cams are a form of ‘socially acceptable’ voyeurism

Marc Ramirez
USA TODAY

“Are you not entertained?” Russell Crowe’s Maximus famously bellowed to the Colosseum crowd in the 2000 film “Gladiator.” But for decades, kiss cams have been posing a different question to U.S. sports fans and concertgoers: “Are you not the entertainment?”

Whether lighthearted distraction or comic relief, the ubiquitous arena and stadium feature is as American as apple pie – or at least as American as baking an apple pie and posting it on social media.

Live competition and performance



President Barack Obama kisses first lady Michelle Obama during a U.S. Men’s Olympic basketball game in 2012. THE WHITE HOUSE VIA GETTY IMAGES

offer us a communal experience on a massive scale, but they also provide an opportunity to make memories and –

with the aid of kiss cams – to become part of the entertainment ourselves. For a few back-to-back moments, as the camera zeroes in on its various targets, fans watch with curiosity, anticipation, excitement and maybe even self-conscious dread.

“These events are epic, nostalgic, and for some even narcissistic,” said Adam Resnick, founder of 15 Seconds of Fame, a Los Angeles-based company whose app allows participating fans featured on in-venue video boards like kiss cams to download and share the footage as a digital souvenir.

The origins of the kiss cam are

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DHS to set cash bonds for U.S. visas

May bill foreign travelers who overstay permits

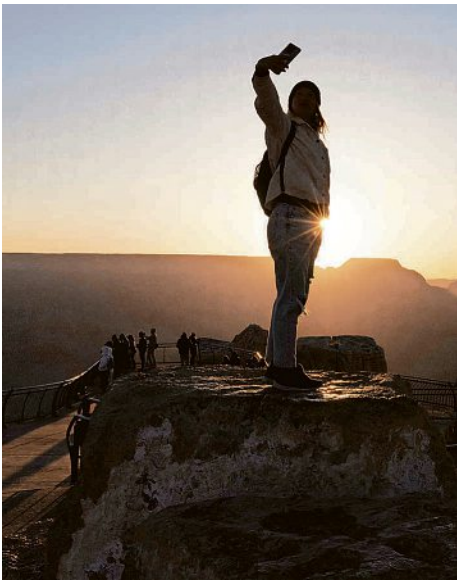
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The Trump administration will require some foreign travelers to post a \$15,000 bond before they can come to the United States – charging roughly what it costs to deport them if they don’t go home.

Fewer than 1.5% of foreign travelers who arrived by air or sea overstayed their visa in fiscal 2023, according to the Department of Homeland Security. That’s about 565,000 people who overstayed versus the more than 38 million foreign travelers who departed on time.

But some countries have higher rates of overstay than others.

As part of the 12-month pilot program, the Trump administration plans to apply the bond rule to countries



A foreign tourist shares the sunrise over at the south rim of Grand Canyon National Park over a video call near Tusayan, Arizona, on May 16.
REBECCA NOBLE/REUTERS

whose travelers more often ignore the conditions of their visa and stay beyond its expiration, according to a notice published Aug. 4 in the Federal Register.

The notice didn’t specify which countries will be targeted but said the list will be posted on the State Department website later in August.

Travelers from countries including the United Kingdom, Spain and France have some of the highest total number of annual overstays – more than 40,000, 15,000 and 9,000 travelers respectively. But they are among countries that belong to the Visa Waiver Program and won’t be included in the bond pilot program.

The visa waiver allows tourists from these countries to travel here without pre-applying for a visa.

Many of the countries with the highest rates of overstay have the fewest number of visitors to the United States, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Those include places like

Burma with a 27% rate of overstay, or 543 travelers; or Liberia with a 19% rate of overstay, or 214 travelers.

Others, like Colombia, have higher numbers of total overstays and a rate that outpaces the average: 40,884 travelers from Colombia, or 4%, overstayed their visa in fiscal 2023, according to DHS.

The pilot program applies only to visas issued for travel by air and sea and doesn’t include travel from Canada or Mexico by land. The U.S. government has few ways to track departures through land ports of entry.

The visa bond will range from \$5,000 to \$15,000 per traveler and will have to be paid to the U.S. Treasury before the visa can be issued. The money will be refunded to those who depart on time.

DHS estimates it costs more than \$17,000 to arrest, detain and deport a foreign visitor who remains in the country beyond their required departure date.

Kiss cams

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frustratingly foggy, but Resnick and others agree they burst onto sports scenes in the 1980s, in the years after sports franchises began introducing increasingly massive color video screens at ballparks and stadiums. Designed to fill breaks in the action and typically set to cheesy pop ballads, the kiss cam was a major innovation that shifted the focus from courts and fields into the stands.

The feature is pretty much a slam dunk, with the camera’s roving eye picking out random pairs of people in the stands who may or may not be actual couples – and therein lies part of the fun. Reactions are broadcast on the venue’s giant video boards: If they kiss, the crowd cheers, while refusals draw playful jeers or laughter.

“We love love,” said Pepper Schwartz, a professor emeritus of sociology at the University of Washington in Seattle. When couples oblige, she said, “it’s a feel-good feeling that transfers from one person to another and makes us optimistic.”

Kiss cams are cheap entertainment designed to keep audiences engaged when they could easily check out, said Joseph Darowski, an assistant professor of English at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

“The energy of the live crowd is incredibly important, and the kiss cam helps to prevent it from dying down,” said Darowski, co-author of “Survivor: A Cultural History,” a book that in part explores the rise of reality TV. “Sporting events are not just about the game being played. It’s the entire entertainment experience.”

Any additional theatrics are generally a bonus – at least for the audience. But as illustrated by the now-infamous July 16 incident at a Coldplay concert in Gillette Stadium in Foxborough, Massachusetts, that’s not always the case for the featured individuals.

When reactions tell the story

It was the shot broadcast around the world – the TikTok’d footage of a couple at a Coldplay concert caught midcuddle.

“Either they’re having an affair, or they’re just very shy,” Coldplay singer Chris Martin quipped after seeing the video from the stage. The video of the July 16 incident at Gillette Stadium has received more than 129 million views on TikTok alone.

The viral moment and its professional and personal fallout, Schwartz said, prompted reactions ranging from amusement and fascination to, for those who’ve been involved in similar circumstances, schadenfreude and relief. But it wouldn’t have unfolded the way it did without the kiss cam.

The couple seen on the screen “could have saved themselves from worldwide derision had they waved and looked like, ‘This is no big deal,’” Schwartz said. “But they took the second instinct, which was to flee. And that was the funny one.”



Fans smooch on the kiss cam during the AAA minor league baseball game between the Columbus Clippers and the Toledo Mud Hens at Huntington Park in Columbus, Ohio, on June 15, 2021.
ADAM CAIRNS/USA TODAY NETWORK

“It could have been a vanilla, fleeting moment,” Resnick agreed. “However, their reaction told a story.”

The episode illustrated how kiss cams have provoked occasional embarrassment and controversy since their debut. In addition to outing potential infidelities, their use in the past has been accused of pressuring unwilling participants to take part and shamed for promoting homophobia by showing same-sex couples for laughs.

It also showed the hazards of bearing private matters in public in the age of kiss cams, smartphones and social media.

“The expectation of privacy at a public event has never existed, and today, with camera ubiquity, it’s preposterous for anyone to take that position,” Resnick said.

More often, though, kiss cams offer those attending live events the chance to score a cameo in their own experience, claiming part or even all of those 15 seconds of fame once foretold for all of us. The power of those moments, Resnick said, lies in their organic nature.

“Authenticity can’t be staged in real time,” he said. “It resonates in the social zeitgeist.”

‘An important metric in measuring how acceptable certain people are’

The kiss cam’s evolution hasn’t been without its stumbles.

In 2015, Syracuse University discontinued its kiss cam feature after a letter to the local newspaper cited a pair of troubling instances at the football team’s game against Wake Forest. Steve Port of Manlius, New York, wrote that the kiss cam segment had twice featured young women who expressed unwillingness to participate but were forced to anyway, either by their male counterparts or by surrounding students.

Meanwhile, a dozen or so years have passed since some major league sports

franchises were accused of promoting homophobia by using kiss cams to poke fun at other teams.

In those cases, after featuring a series of smooching male-female couples, the kiss cam segments ended by focusing on two of the home team’s rival players, or even fans – suggesting they might kiss, and that doing so would be comedic.

As a fan of the NFL’s Jacksonville Jaguars complained after such a segment in a 2013 letter to team owner Shahid Khan, initially reported by Outsports: “Hilarious, right? No, and the message is clear. Jaguars are heterosexual and approved. The opponent is ‘gay,’ disapproved and the butt of a crude joke.”

A year earlier, pitcher Brandon McCarthy of Major League Baseball’s Oakland A’s had similarly condemned the practice after a game against the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim.

“They put two guys on the ‘Kiss Cam’ tonight,” McCarthy posted on the social platform now known as X. “What hilarity!! (by hilarity I mean offensive homophobia). Enough with this stupid trend.”

Later, McCarthy – now sporting director for the USL Championship’s Phoenix Rising FC – told the San Francisco Chronicle: “If there are gay people who are coming to a game and seeing something like that, you can’t assume they’re comfortable with it. If you’re even making a small group of people ... feel like outcasts, then you’re going against what makes your model successful.”

Before long, franchises were striving to be more inclusive, and in 2015, MLB’s New York Mets told the Huffington Post they would no longer feature opposing players in their kiss cam segments; that same year, the Dodgers included a gay couple in its kiss cam.

“Kiss cams are an important metric in measuring how acceptable certain people are in a given community,” said Stephanie Bonvissuto, an adjunct assistant professor of women’s and gender

studies at Hunter College and Brooklyn College, both part of the City University of New York system.

In early 2017, the Ad Council’s “Love Has No Labels” campaign produced a commercial featuring kiss cam footage from that year’s NFL Pro Bowl in Orlando, Florida, where 49 people had been killed seven months earlier in a mass shooting at gay nightclub Pulse.

“Kiss Cams have been a part of sports culture for years,” the opening text read, but at that game, it continued, they “became part of something bigger.”

The images showed pairs of individuals, outlined by a heart, broadcast on Camping World Stadium’s giant screens. Friends were featured. So, too, were same-sex and interracial couples.

Then the camera zoomed in on two women in the stands, one of them wearing a shirt reading “Orlando survivor.” The two turned and kissed, to the crowd’s delight.

Still, Bonvissuto said it’s still rare to see LGBTQ+ couples featured on kiss cams beyond Pride Night events. While cautioning that she hasn’t seen any statistics on such representation, she said the footage she’s viewed largely features white, able-bodied and seemingly cisgender individuals.

“Kiss cams act as a means to exclude certain people,” she said. “They’re incredibly important in thinking about representation – who we’re seeing and not seeing.”

‘Socially acceptable’ voyeurism

But for the most part, kiss cams have offered streams of harmless fun, fodder for highlight and blooper reels and glimpses into the relationships of everyone from fellow citizens to celebrities and sitting and former U.S. presidents.

Kiss cams, said BYU’s Darowski, offer audiences the constant thrill of knowing they could be on screen combined with “a socially acceptable, safe form of voyeurism that is traditionally taboo.”

The presumed authenticity of couples’ raw, unrehearsed reactions is key, too, he said.

“So much of our entertainment is highly mediated, edited and packaged for our consumption,” he said.

It doesn’t always play out as planned – and not all of it is necessarily genuine, thanks to some sports teams’ creative minds. Many couples share crowd-pleasing kisses. Others, not so much. Some, snubbed by their companions, stomp off in a huff or peck adjacent fans instead, while youthful pairs looking to lock lips are thwarted by chaperoning adults.

Whether any of it is staged doesn’t matter much. Fans and audiences alike have enjoyed their moment in the limelight.

Resnick, of 15 Seconds of Fame, recalled a moment in June 2024 after a Dallas Mavericks loss in game five of the NBA Finals. The arena cameras zeroed in on a fan tearful over the outcome.

While it wasn’t part of the kiss cam feature, “the minute he saw himself on the Jumbotron, he smiled and kissed the girl (who was) with him,” Resnick said. “That’s all you need to know about what those 15 seconds mean to fans.”

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When lawmakers flee to avoid a vote

Texas Dems implement age-old political move

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WASHINGTON – A president jumping out of a window, a senator carried feet-first from the office, and state legislators moving into an out-of-state hotel: For as long as Americans have been legislating, they’ve been fleeing from legislatures to prevent votes from happening.

Texas House Democrats fled the Lone Star State on Aug. 3 in an attempt to block a redistricting that would give Republicans in the U.S. House of Representatives up to five more seats in the 2026 midterms.

The Democrats dispersed to friendly blue states: Many traveled to the Chicago area, greeted by Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, while other groups landed in Boston and Albany, New York.

Texas Republican Gov. Greg Abbott threatened to expel any Democrat who was not back in Austin by the time the legislature reconvened on Aug. 4 at 3 p.m. CT. Republicans need what is called a quorum, or the minimum number of lawmakers needed to be present on the floor to carry out business.

But the tactic of fleeing to deny quorum is one that’s been used by both parties since the 1800s. Some lawmakers have hidden out in their offices, while others have fled their state to avoid being compelled to show up to vote, as is the case with Texas Democrats.

These are some of the most prominent examples from history:

1840: Abraham Lincoln jumps out of a first-floor window

Before Abraham Lincoln served as president, he was a member of the Illinois state legislature from 1834 to 1842. He once jumped out of a first-floor win-



Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker speaks near Texas state Rep. Trey Martinez and Texas state Rep. Gene Wu as Democratic lawmakers from Texas hold a news conference after leaving their state to deny Republicans the quorum needed to redraw the state’s 38 congressional districts, in Carol Stream, Illinois, on Aug. 3.

TOM KRAWCZYK/REUTERS

dow to try to prevent a quorum on a vote to shut down a state-run bank in 1840, according to The New York Times.

Lincoln, a member of the Whig Party at the time, was an advocate of the state-run bank while his Democratic colleagues were not, the Times reported.

Samuel Wheeler, who is the Illinois state historian, told the Times that Lincoln had already been marked present for the quorum, making his effort pointless. “It’s not an episode that he’s very proud of later,” Wheeler said.

1988: Bob Packwood carried into the chamber

Oregon Sen. Bob Packwood, a Republican, tried to avoid a quorum call in February 1988 amid opposition to a Democratic-driven campaign finance reform bill, according to the U.S. Senate. He hid

in his office until Capitol police later found him.

The New York Times reported that Packwood had placed a chair against one door to prevent the officers from forcing it open. “It was their mass against my mass,” he said at the time.

The officers entered Packwood’s office through another door, and they “transported him feet-first into the Chamber,” the U.S. Senate website says.

2003: Texas Democrats protest redistricting effort

Texas Democrats fled the state in 2003 to break quorum over Republican redistricting efforts. House Democrats went to Oklahoma until the regular session of the legislature ended, the Texas Tribune reported.

Eleven Democratic state senators

went to New Mexico after former Gov. Rick Perry called a special session, according to the Tribune. Then Democratic Sen. John Whitmire returned to Texas, officially allowing Republicans to advance with their redistricting plans after reaching a quorum.

2011: Wisconsin Democrats challenge anti-union bill

Wisconsin Democrats fled their state in February 2011 in an attempt to block a budget repair bill that would curtail collective bargaining rights from public employee unions, though the bill still ended up passing, according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

The lawmakers went to Illinois, but stayed at different places due to security concerns.

When they returned in March, nearly 70,000 trade union and Democratic supporters greeted them at Capitol Square, according to The Guardian.

2011: Indiana Democrats flee to Comfort Suites in Illinois

Indiana Democrats fled their state 14 years ago to halt legislative business and challenge the passage of a controversial anti-union legislation, The Daily Illini reported.

They headed to the Comfort Suites hotel in Urbana, Illinois, on Feb. 22 that year and didn’t return to their home state until March 28, the paper reported. Their bill total came out to be over \$84,000.

“It was a very difficult decision – very difficult – and it got more difficult every day,” State Representative Ed DeLaney, who fled with his colleagues, told The New York Times in an interview. “You only have so much ammunition, and this is a way to spend an awful lot of your ammunition on one point, and draw a lot of criticism in the process.”

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Stepping into that leadership void are Democratic governors, some with presidential aspirations, who are pledging to counter Texas by creating maps in large blue states that would offset Republican gains by targeting Republican members of Congress.

Democrats claim ‘moral clarity’

States are required to come up with new district lines every decade based on the census. But when legislatures have the power, they occasionally step in to make new maps before the decade ends.

Abbott said the midcycle redistricting was necessary after receiving a letter from the Justice Department July 7 that cited “constitutional concerns” about the existing congressional boundaries.

Under the new maps, Texas’ congressional districts in the Houston, Austin and Dallas metro areas would be sliced up, along with a handful in southern Texas, creating five additional districts that would have heavily favored Trump in last year’s election.

“They’re turning our districts into crazy shapes to guarantee the outcome they want in the 2026 elections,” Rep. James Talarico said Aug. 3 in a video posted on X. “If this power grab succeeds, they will hang on to power without any accountability from the voters.”

Republicans hold 88 out of 150 seats in Texas’ statehouse, leaving the 62-member Democratic caucus with very few options to stop the new congressional districts from taking effect.

So they took drastic measures to deprive Texas Republicans of a needed 100-member quorum to proceed with a vote by leaving the state and forcing the Legislature’s special session to a halt.

“This is not a decision we make lightly, but it is one we make with absolute moral clarity,” state Rep. Gene Wu, chair of the Texas House Democratic Caucus, said in a statement.

The move jeopardizes other legislation on the special session’s menu, such as addressing funding for flood prevention after the flash floods that killed more than 130 people July 4 along the Guadalupe River.

Governor orders arrests

Abbott raised the stakes for Democratic legislators Aug. 4 by ordering Texas law enforcement to arrest those who left.

“Texas House Democrats abandoned their duty to Texans,” Abbott said in a news release announcing the decision.



Texas state Rep. Gene Wu, chair of the Texas House Democratic Caucus, says leaving the state in protest “is not a decision we make lightly, but it is one we make with absolute moral clarity.” GABY VELASQUEZ/USA TODAY NETWORK



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“By fleeing the state, Texas House Democrats are holding hostage critical legislation to aid flood victims and advance property tax relief. There are consequences for dereliction of duty.”

It was unclear whether and how Texas law enforcement would be able to work with out-of-state law enforcement to execute the arrest order, which Abbott said is designed to ensure the missing Democrats comply with civil arrest warrants issued by state Republican lawmakers in an 85-6 vote earlier in the day. Those warrants apply only within state lines.

Hardball tactics

Abbott also had threatened the absent lawmakers with expulsion if they did not return by Aug. 4, arguing the Democrats’ “deliberate plan not to show up for work” amounted to forfeiting their elected office.

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, who was impeached by the Texas House on bribery charges in 2023, said absconding legislators will be “found, arrested, and brought back” to the state.

“We should use every tool at our disposal to hunt down those who think they are above the law,” Paxton said.

Under Texas House rules, the Legislature can issue civil arrest warrants and have the sergeant at arms force a member’s attendance in a state that would cooperate.

Members who don’t show up also face a \$500-a-day fine, and Texas Democrats began fundraising in July to cover those costs. Breaking quorum isn’t against the law, which means federal agencies do not have the authority to bring those lawmakers back by force.

Abbott said his arrest order, which called on the Texas Department of Public Safety to take action, would remain in place until every missing Democratic member has been brought to the Texas Capitol.

Trump’s power is at stake

Democrats have an opening to take back the House of Representatives, where the GOP holds a narrow 220-212 majority, and the 2026 midterms will determine how Trump’s presidency ends – including how he tries to spend money, any laws he wants to try to pass, and whether he faces a third round of impeachment proceedings.

The midterm elections are expected to be tight contests across the board, particularly with Republicans having to defend Trump’s tax cuts and Medicaid changes.

If Democrats can win a majority in one chamber of Congress, they would be in a position to block Trump’s remaining legislative priorities, which would significantly hamper his power for the rest of his term. It would give them subpoena authority in powerful committees, which would force the administration and other witnesses to testify and hand over key documents.

After the 2018 midterms during Trump’s first term in office, the president was put on his heels, and he saw a series of investigations against him, his

administration and his allies.

“Republicans are afraid to face voters in a free and fair election,” Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, D-New York, the House minority leader, said Aug. 3 in a post on X responding to the Texas attorney general. “That’s the reason the extremists want to gerrymander the Texas congressional map and steal five seats. Look in the mirror and you’ll see the face of a coward.”

‘The gloves are off’

The governors of those bluer pastures to which Texas Democrats fled said they would pursue creating new maps that favor their own party should the Trump-inspired plan move ahead.

“This is a war. We are at war,” New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said at a news conference Aug. 4 during which she discussed the possibility of new maps. “And that’s why the gloves are off and I say, ‘Bring it on.’”

Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker, a potential 2028 presidential candidate, joined Texas Democratic lawmakers at their news conference this past weekend. He has reportedly helped them find lodging and other accommodations, saying “everything is on the table,” including the Prairie State coming up with new maps.

“Trump came up with a new scheme to rig the system by ramming through a corrupt, mid-decade redistricting plan that would steal five congressional seats, silencing millions of voters, especially Black and Latino voters,” Pritzker said.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom, another possible White House contender, cast the clash as a fight for democracy. He has proposed temporarily setting aside his state’s independent redistricting commission. Democrats dominate the Golden State, holding 43 out of 52 congressional seats.

Newsom indicated the president would reap what he sowed if he continued this fight.

“Buckle up, Donald Trump. California is about to get a whole lot bluer, thanks to you,” Newsom posted Aug. 1 on X.

Whatever happens in Texas, the fight over Congress via redistricting is continuing in Ohio, where Republicans hold a supermajority in the state Legislature.

GOP operatives believe they can pick up a couple of seats in the Buckeye State, which has a congressional delegation made up of 10 Republicans and five Democrats. Trump won the state by 11% last year.

Sen. Bernie Moreno, R-Ohio, has telegraphed that the plan is to create at least two GOP-leaning districts, likely targeting Democratic Reps. Marcy Kaptur and Emilia Sykes, who represent Toledo and Akron, respectively.

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ELECTIONS 2026

Who will win Senate majority in 2026?

11 national midterm races vital to Trump to watch

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump’s agenda in the second half of his second term will hinge on whether Republicans can maintain control of Congress in next year’s midterm elections.

In the Senate, where the GOP has a slim 53-47 majority, being the party in charge is vital for the president and his ability to pass key legislation priorities and confirm nominees, including any potential Supreme Court vacancies.

Heading into 2026, congressional Republicans look to keep their legislative advantage but face the challenge of precedent. Often, the party that does not hold the White House fares better in midterm congressional elections. In need of a pick-me-up after last year’s bruising presidential and congressional elections, Democrats are trying to flip the upper chamber back to blue by winning a handful of states scattered from the South to the Great Lakes.

For their part, Republicans trying to defend their majority in next November’s races must first weather some base-splitting primaries in which established GOP incumbents hope to hold on against challengers from inside their own party.

Here are 11 Senate races to watch across the country heading into the 2026 midterm elections.

1. North Carolina

North Carolina’s two-term senior senator, Republican Thom Tillis, announced in June that he would not be seeking reelection.

His news, which Tillis called “not a hard choice,” came as debates over Trump’s sweeping tax, spending and policy bill engulfed Congress and pitted Republicans against one another.

The news was music to Democrats’ ears.

Already a top target for the liberal party in next year’s midterms, the North Carolina race was set to be one of the most competitive Senate battles in 2026, even with Tillis on the ballot.

Now, the open seat has attracted high-profile contenders on both sides of the aisle.

Former North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper, a Democrat, announced his campaign formally on July 28 after weeks of speculation.

On the Republican side, Lara Trump, the president’s daughter-in-law and former co-chair of the Republican National Committee, said she considered jumping in. But after she announced July 24 that she would not run for the seat, President Trump gave his backing to Republican National Committee chair and former North Carolina GOP Chair Michael Whatley.

Primary elections will be held March 3.

2. Michigan

In Michigan, another retiring incumbent has set the stage for a toss-up race next year.

Sen. Gary Peters, a Democrat, announced in January that he would not seek a third term representing the Great Lakes State in the Senate.

His absence leaves the race open for either party’s taking.

Republican Mike Rogers, a former congressman with Trump’s endorsement, is his party’s expected nominee. Rogers ran in 2024 and lost narrowly to Democratic Sen. Elissa Slotkin.

Among Democrats, Rep. Haley Stevens and state Sen. Mallory McMorrow lead the pack of 2026 candidates. Primary elections in the state will be held Aug. 4.

3. Georgia

Georgia’s Democratic Sen. Jon Ossoff must fend off a pack of conservative lawmakers to hang on to his seat in 2026.

Alongside fellow Georgia Democrat Sen. Raphael Warnock, Ossoff won a runoff election in January 2021 that secured him a first term in Congress and his party a chamber majority.

Once again, his race will be key in determining whether Democrats win control of the Senate.

Republicans looking to unseat him include Rep. Buddy Carter, a former pharmacist who represents the Savannah area.

Carter was first to throw his red hat in the ring. But others, including Rep. Mike Collins, have since joined the contest. Carter and Collins are coveting Trump’s



Congressman Chris Pappas, D-NH, and Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-NH, speak during an election eve campaign event on Nov. 7, 2022, in Manchester, New Hampshire.
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Gov. Janet Mills, D-ME, tells President Donald Trump “See you in court” over the issue of trans women in sports as Trump addresses a meeting of governors at the White House on Feb. 21, in Washington, DC.
WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES



North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper speaks during a Democratic rally in Raleigh, North Carolina, on Oct. 30, 2024.
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support, an endorsement that could carry weight with Georgia’s deep-red electorate pockets.

Georgia’s primary elections are set for May 19.

4. Texas

Texas Republican Sen. John Cornyn stands a good chance of winning a fifth term against a Democratic challenger next November in the red-leaning Lone Star State.

But first, he must make it through what is promising to be a tough primary against the state’s attorney general, Ken Paxton.

Cornyn has served in the Senate since 2002, but early polls showed him down double digits to Paxton.

National Republicans have expressed concern that Paxton, who has faced indictments, impeachment and, more recently, a very public divorce, could cost the GOP their safely held Texas seat in a general election.

Democrat and former Rep. Colin Allred, who ran unsuccessfully against Sen. Ted Cruz in 2024, has announced his campaign for 2026. Texas state Rep. James Talarico has said he is “seriously considering” a run as well.

Primary elections in the Lone Star State are set for March 3.

5. South Carolina

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican from South Carolina, has also drawn a GOP challenger in his 2026 bid for reelection.

Paul Dans, the original author of Project 2025, a sweeping conservative agenda to overhaul the federal government, announced his candidacy at an event in Charleston July 30.

The primary contest will likely pit MAGA voters in the Palmetto State against one another.

Though Graham has been a regular target of criticism from Trump – displeased by the lawmaker at times breaking from the GOP leader – he is now an ally to the president and has already re-



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, stands with former Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown at a campaign rally in Milford, New Hampshire, on Feb. 2, 2016. REUTERS



Sen. Joni Ernst speaks during a town hall at Aplington-Parkersburg High School on May 30, 2025, in Parkersburg. USA TODAY NETWORK

ceived Trump’s “complete and total endorsement.”

Dans’ primary challenge will be an uphill battle. Should Graham come out on top, he is heavily favored to win a fifth term representing the Palmetto State.

A pack of Democrats are vying to face Graham or Dans in the general, though South Carolina is generally considered a safely red seat. Both party primaries will be held June 9.

6. Maine

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, is about to wrap her fifth term in the Senate, and while she has yet to formally announce her bid for reelection, many colleagues expect her to run again.

Her position as one of the upper chamber’s most independent voices has kept her in favor, and in office, with her left-leaning state, though Democrats still see this upcoming race as one of their top pickup opportunities if two-term Gov. Janet Mills decides to run.

Collins has garnered a reputation for being one of the few congressional Republicans willing to tell Trump no. She voted against two of his major legislative priorities this summer – a sweeping tax and spending bill, as well as a \$9 billion cut to public broadcasting and foreign aid funding – and has openly criticized some of the president’s nominees.

Willingness to oppose Trump typically comes with the president’s full public ire – and often a MAGA-aligned primary opponent.

But Collins is the only Republican senator to have won a state in which Democrats won the popular vote in 2024. Her unique position seems to, at least for now, have kept Trump from speaking out against who many view as the GOP’s best chance to keep their seat in Maine.

Several Democratic candidates have announced campaigns against Collins,

including David Costello, who ran unsuccessfully against Maine’s Independent Sen. Angus King in 2024. All eyes are most focused on Mills, the state governor who has also tussled with Trump but hasn’t yet said whether she will run. Maine will have its primaries on June 9.

7. Minnesota

Minnesota’s Democratic Sen. Tina Smith announced earlier this year that she plans to retire at the end of her term, calling the decision “entirely personal.”

With the state’s blue tilt, Smith’s seat has a good chance of staying in Democrats’ hands.

Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan and Rep. Annie Craig are among the front-runners for their party’s nomination. Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz, 2024 Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris’ running mate, opted back in February not to run for the Senate.

On the Republican side, former NBA player Royce White is running again after losing his bid against Sen. Amy Klobuchar in 2024. Former Navy SEAL Adam Schwarze has also announced his campaign for the GOP nomination. The Minnesota primaries will be held Aug. 11.

8. Ohio

The Buckeye State represents one of Democrats’ few pickup opportunities, and even then it will not be an easy flip.

Republican Sen. Jon Husted was picked by Ohio’s governor to fill the seat vacated by Vice President JD Vance at the start of the year, and Husted will be on the ballot next November to keep his spot.

Ohio has become reliably red in recent years, making the fight to flip it tough for Democrats.

Their best shot probably is former Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown, who lost his bid for reelection last year to Sen. Bernie Moreno. Axios reported that Brown met with Minority Leader Chuck Schumer in late July as part of the top Senate Democrat’s efforts to lobby Brown to run again.

9. New Hampshire

Democratic Sen. Jeanne Shaheen of New Hampshire announced she would not be seeking another term in 2026 either.

Democratic Rep. Chris Pappas, who launched his campaign in April, is widely seen as a strong contender to succeed Shaheen.

Republican Scott Brown, a former Massachusetts senator and former ambassador to New Zealand and Samoa in Trump’s first term, is among a handful of candidates competing on the GOP side.

Like Minnesota, Cook Political Report has rated New Hampshire’s race leaning Democrat.

10. Iowa

In Iowa, Sen. Joni Ernst, a Republican, has the advantage, with Cook Political Report rating her race likely Republican.

Three Democrats so far have launched bids in hopes of beating those odds: Nathan Sage, the former chamber of commerce director from Knoxville; state Rep. J.D. Scholten; and state Sen. Zach Wahls.

Trump’s sweeping tax, spending and policy bill, passed into law earlier this summer, is expected to be a defining issue in Iowa’s race.

Ernst was one of 50 Senate Republicans who voted in favor of the legislation, which her Democratic opponents decried as a move “to gut Medicaid for hundreds of thousands of Iowa children and families.” Iowa’s primary is set for June 2.

11. Nebraska

Nebraska is widely seen as a Republican stronghold with incumbent GOP Sen. Pete Ricketts, though there could be a surprisingly competitive race in 2026 with Independent candidate Dan Osborn jumping back into a statewide election.

Osborn came within 7 percentage points of beating Sen. Deb Fischer in 2024, a closer-than-expected margin in the GOP-dominated state.

Osborn, a former labor leader, is a registered Independent but received campaign contributions from Democrats in his last campaign (money he told NBC he did not ask for). Ricketts, a former Nebraska governor and part owner with his family of the Chicago Cubs, is running for a full term after being appointed to the job in January 2023 upon the resignation of Republican Sen. Ben Sasse.

Trump affirms ‘great reviews’ about Rose Garden overhaul

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USA TODAY

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump claims he’s hearing “great reviews” about his controversial overhaul of the White House Rose Garden, which has turned the garden’s famous lawn into a stone patio.

The Rose Garden, which has hosted countless presidential affairs since its 1913 inception, was recently paved over at the direction of Trump, while rose bushes and other vegetation remain on the garden’s periphery.

“We’re getting great reviews of the Rose Garden, and we had to do it,” Trump told reporters on Aug. 3, adding that the manicured lawn presented problems when hosting events.

“When we had a press conference, you’d sink into the mud. It was grass and it was very wet, always wet and damp and wet and if it rained it would take three, four, five days to dry out and we couldn’t use it really for the intended



View of the newly paved Rose Garden is seen at the White House in Washington, DC, on Aug. 1.
JIM WATSON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

purpose,” Trump said.

The Rose Garden patio resembles a patio at Mar-a-Lago, Trump’s resort and home in Florida. The new patio features drainage to collect water and the White House emblem along its perimeter.

“It’s a beautiful white stone and it’s a stone that’s the same color as the White

House itself,” Trump said. “And because it’s very white, it’s going to reflect the heat and it’s not going to be very hot. Yeah, we’ve got great reviews of the Rose Garden.”

The White House has not released the cost for the Rose Garden overhaul. The project is funded by the Trust for the National Mall, a nonpartisan non-profit that has raised private funds to support more than \$75 million in restoration projects with the National Park Service since 2007.

The project’s completion comes after Trump last week announced plans for a \$200 million ballroom on the east part of the mansion that the president has vowed to pay for with his own money and private donations. Construction is set to begin in September.

In other cosmetic changes to the White House this year, Trump has made over the Oval Office with new gold embroidery throughout and installed two soaring flag poles on the north and south lawns.

Mom: Octopus latched onto son

6-year-old left with bruises on arm

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USA TODAY

A Texas mom is concerned after she says an octopus at the San Antonio Aquarium left bruises on her 6-year-old son’s arm.

According to the mother, Britney Taryn, her son has been visiting the aquarium for at least four years. He has interacted with the Giant Pacific Octopus named Cthulhu many times as well, and the facility has always allowed guests to touch the octopus. Taryn even showed a photo of her son reaching down to pet the animal in November of 2024.

“They’re allowed to touch them, and it’s welcomed,” she said in a video she posted to TikTok about the incident, which has since gone viral. “He would sit there and touch and talk to the octopus until we cut him off.”

During the visit in question, Taryn and her son noticed the octopus had grown quite a bit since they last saw it, and its behavior had changed. While the octopus usually puts its tentacles on her son and then releases him, that’s not what happened on July 14.

“Mom, it’s not letting me go,” her son said that day.

As Taryn tried to help her son step away from the tank, the octopus still wouldn’t relent and even began coming out of the tank, she said.

“We start freaking out because that octopus is now bigger than my 6-year-old,” she said. “So if we have this octopus outside of the water, is it going to engulf him and swallow him whole? I don’t know.”

It took three employees with ice packs to get the octopus off her son, she said in the video. The ordeal left her son’s heart racing, and his arm was covered in purple tentacle marks.

Taryn said her son is OK.

“This was honestly the coolest experience to him,” she said. “He is so excited, but I don’t know. Should I be more concerned? Should I be worried?”

USA TODAY has reached out to the aquarium for comment.

Employee initially thought octopus was being ‘playful’

According to Taryn, there were no employees around initially. Then one walked up and witnessed what was happening.

“He’s like, ‘Oh, isn’t she playful today?’” Taryn recalled. “This octopus is halfway out the tank, trying to eat my son, but yeah, playful, sure.”

The employee tried unsuccessfully to get the animal off the boy, then used his radio to call for ice packs. Two people came running in with ice packs, placing them on the animal, Taryn said.

“The octopus is suctioning and releasing the other employees, but it’s not letting go of my kid,” she said. “More and more tentacles start to envelop his arm.”

The three employees were then able to free her son from the octopus’ grip.

Taryn and her son left the aquarium and eventually went back because he wanted to check on the animal, she said.

“(The octopus) made eye contact with my son and immediately ... started to change colors and come close to him,” she said, adding that the animal turned white.

Nearly two weeks after the incident, the San Antonio Aquarium did not directly address the situation but did share an educational video of an employee working with Cthulhu the octopus.



An octopus displaying its tentacles underwater. Pictured octopus is not the one mentioned in this story.
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New report reveals blame for Titan submersible disaster

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The June 2023 implosion of the Titanic-bound submersible that killed five people in a tragedy that captured the world’s attention was “preventable,” fueled by its inadequate design and a “toxic” workplace culture, a newly released Coast Guard report found.

The 335-page report released on Aug. 5 said that the Titan, a 22-foot-long submersible made of carbon fiber, imploded on June 18, 2023, due to factors largely in the hands of the company that operated it, OceanGate. They include: “OceanGate’s inadequate design, certification, maintenance and inspection process for the Titan,” the report said.

All five on board were killed in the implosion. They were OceanGate’s founder and CEO Stockton Rush, British billionaire Hamish Harding, French maritime expert Paul-Henri Nargeolet, Pakistani businessman Shahzada Dawood and his 19-year-old son, Suleman Dawood.

“This marine casualty and the loss of five lives was preventable,” said Jason Neubauer, chair of the U.S. Coast Guard Marine Board of Investigation for the Titan. “The two-year investigation has identified multiple contributing factors that led to this tragedy, providing valuable lessons learned to prevent a future occurrence.”

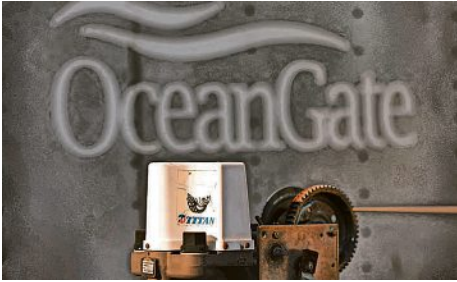
Report issues scathing critique of OceanGate and its dead CEO

The Coast Guard report laid blame for the catastrophic implosion squarely on OceanGate, which it said failed to follow protocols for safety, testing and maintenance. For years before the implosion, OceanGate “leveraged intimidation tactics, allowances for scientific operations, and the company’s favorable reputation to evade regulatory scrutiny,” the report said.

Titan was not registered, certified or inspected by any recognized organization, it said.

Had Rush, the CEO, survived, he may have faced criminal charges, the report said. Investigators concluded he “exhibited negligence that contributed to the deaths of four individuals.”

“It is important to note that the determination of whether any crime was committed would be made by the (Department of Justice) following its own investigation and analysis, which will not occur in this instance due to the death of Mr. Rush,” the report added.



A decal on a piece of equipment which reads “Titan” is pictured at OceanGate Expedition in the Port of Everett Boat Yard in Everett, Washington, on June 22, 2023. AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

Timeline of the final moments

The report documents the precise times the Titan lost communication with the Polar Prince, the support ship that held the rest of the expedition’s crew, and ultimately imploded on June 18, 2023. The expedition began on June 16, with the Polar Prince setting sail from Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada. Two days later, the Polar Prince arrived at the vicinity of the Titanic wreckage in the North Atlantic and the submersible was launched.

- **8:30 a.m.:** The five participants boarded the submersible and were sealed into the vessel
- **9:14 a.m.:** The Titan dive began and the submersible began its free fall down through the water to reach the Titanic wreckage. Usually, during dives, the Titan would maneuver near the ocean’s surface for a “communications check,” but failed to do so on its final descent, the report said.
- **9:28 a.m.:** Using abbreviated text messages to communicate, the Titan crew confirmed the vessel was descending at a rate of 33 meters per minute.
- **9:53 a.m.:** Communication was lost between the Titan and the Polar Prince for about 15 minutes, prompting the research ship to send this message repeatedly: “Do you see Polar Prince on your display?”
- **10:08 a.m.:** The Titan sent the message “k” back to the Polar Prince, reestablishing communication. The vessel continued sending messages about its position.
- **10:47:02 a.m.:** The Titan sent a message that it “dropped two wts,” indicating it dropped ballast weights to slow its descent.
- **10:47:08 a.m.:** The Titan sent an automated transmission recording its final location, at a depth of 3,346.28 meters.
- **10:47:09 a.m.:** The Titan imploded,

and all on board were killed immediately. “Two seconds later, the TITAN Communications and Tracking Team on the POLAR PRINCE heard a ‘bang’ emanating from the ocean’s surface, which the investigation later correlated to the TITAN’s implosion. After that, all communications and tracking with the TITAN were lost,” the report said.

- **7:10 p.m.:** After conducting mission protocols to try to regain communication with the Titan unsuccessfully, the Polar Prince alerted the Canadian Coast Guard that the Titan was in distress. The Canadian Coast Guard directed the crew to alert the U.S. Coast Guard, launching a multinational search operation that lasted until a debris field was located on June 22.

What factors contributed to the Titan implosion?

- OceanGate’s design and testing procedures were not adequate for the engineering precision needed for a vessel like Titan, which had to navigate inherently dangerous conditions.
- OceanGate didn’t conduct analyses to determine the expected lifespan of the Titan’s hull.
- OceanGate overly relied on a real-time monitoring system for the carbon fiber hull, but didn’t conduct a “meaningful analysis” on the data provided by the system.
- The company continued using Titan after a series of incidents that “compromised the integrity of the hull” and other components of the sub without assessing or inspecting it.
- The design and construction of the Titan’s hull itself “introduced flaws that weakened the overall structural integrity.”
- OceanGate didn’t properly investigate previous mishaps.
- The company suffered from a “toxic workplace environment,” that included firing of staff members or threats of firings to dissuade employees and contractors from speaking out about safety concerns.
- OceanGate didn’t properly store or maintain the Titan during the off-season.
- Other contributing factors identified in the report include that OceanGate didn’t follow its own written protocols for safety; Rush’s boasting that the Titan’s hull was “indestructible,” providing a false sense of safety for passengers and regulators; and the prioritization of financial issues over safety.

Zoo: Donate your pets to feed our predators

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USA TODAY

A Denmark zoo is requesting donations of healthy horses and other small pets to feed their captive predatory animals.

The Aalborg Zoo said it accepts live horses, chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs to give to carnivorous animals in its care, calling them an important part of their predators’ diets.

The zoo, located in Denmark’s North Jutland region, argued it has a responsi-

bility to mimic the natural food chain among animals. Donated animals are “gently euthanized” by its staff before being served as fodder.

The zoo discussed the feeding donation program in a Facebook post on July 31, garnering dozens of reactions, including many who pushed back on the initiative.

Zoo shares rules for animal donations

The zoo accepts guinea pigs, chick-

ens, and rabbits on weekdays. Donors are allowed to give four at a time.

On its website, the Aalborg Zoo explained that there are specific requirements for those who want to donate horses:

- The horse must have a passport and be considered in a “safe condition” for transportation.
- The animal must be a maximum of roughly 58 inches.
- The horse could not have been treated for an illness within the last 30 days, at least.

Canadian wildfires prompt warnings

Air quality affected in Midwest, Northeast

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Wildfires in Canada are leaving a trail of smoke across the northern United States and prompting local authorities to issue health warnings for millions of people because of poor air quality.

Blazes raging in the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan and Manitoba are fouling the air in the Midwest and Northeast, the National Weather Service said Aug. 4. Authorities from Minnesota to Maine have ordered air quality alerts, according to the Storm Prediction Center.

The impact from the fires isn't as dramatic as the wildfires of 2023 that left New York City blanketed in a moonglow orange.

But weak winds have left the smoke to linger over the northern United States for days, said Dan Cornish, a forecaster with the National Weather Service in Michigan.

"We're definitely seeing prolonged impact. We've had several days of hazy skies," Cornish told USA TODAY, adding the horizon outside the weather service office in Gaylord, Michigan, has been a "milky gray" for days. "Unfortunately, that's just going to continue to deteriorate air quality across much of this area."

Storm Prediction Center alert maps show blanket air quality warnings for Michigan, Wisconsin, New York and the New England region.

Stronger winds aren't expected to displace the smoke until Aug. 6 or Aug. 7



An aerial view shows smoke from Canadian wildfires dimming the city's skyline in Chicago earlier this year. SCOTT OLSON/GETTY IMAGES

for the Midwest, Cornish said, but conditions in the Northeast probably will improve by the end of the week.

Authorities recommend limiting outdoor activity in the areas with poor air quality.

Children, older adults and people suffering from respiratory conditions, including asthma, are particularly vulnerable to the fine particulate matter small enough to be inhaled that is the toxic byproduct of wildfires, environmental officials warned.

Where are the wildfires in Canada?

The worst of the blazes affecting the United States are in the provinces of

Saskatchewan, Manitoba and western Ontario, according to the Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Center. Most of the Canadian blazes are sparked by lightning in dry, remote forested areas that are difficult for firefighters to access except by aircraft, Cornish said.

"You get a lot of wildfires that can start up in those conditions, and it's a challenge, but that's the nature of it, quite literally," Cornish said. "There's nothing you can do to prevent it."

What cities are the worst off?

The blazes have catapulted major American and Canadian cities into the

most polluted places in the world, according to a global air-quality index maintained by IQAir, a Swiss-based air quality monitoring company.

Detroit, Minneapolis and Toronto were among the top 11 most polluted cities in the world on the evening of Aug. 4, according to IQAir. New York City and Montreal were among the top 20 most polluted cities, according to the global index.

Side effects of inhaling wildfire smoke

Wildfire smoke can irritate the eyes, nose and throat and cause the following symptoms:

- Coughing
- Chest tightness
- Shortness of breath
- Dizziness
- Fatigue

Particulate matter (PM) is one of the main components of wildfire smoke, comprising small particles of solids or liquids suspended in the air, USA TODAY has reported.

According to Yale Medicine, the particles can be 10 micrometers, PM 10, or as small as 2.5 micrometers, PM 2.5, which can easily pass through a person's usual defense mechanisms and can "penetrate deep into the lungs, where they can impair lung function, cause illnesses, such as bronchitis, and increase asthma attacks."

According to Yale Medicine, exposure to PM 2.5 particles can cause:

- Heart attack
- Stroke
- Lung cancer
- Decline in cognitive function

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Caregivers

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An estimated 4.3% of the U.S. population experiences suicidal thoughts, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but among caregivers, rates of suicidal ideation can surpass the general population. Reports of suicidal thoughts were found to be highest in parents of disabled children (42%), veterans' caregivers (23.6%) and dementia caregivers (32%). Experts have been sounding the alarm for several years, but because caregivers are focused on those they care for, they are often less likely to seek help. Among parents of disabled children who experienced suicidal thoughts and behaviors while caring, more than half (53%) had never disclosed these thoughts or experiences to anyone, according to a 2024 study.

"A lot of people who are caregivers feel guilty for feeling overwhelmed because they feel like they should be caring for the person," said Wendy Martinez Farmer, vice president of 988 Strategy, Grants and Clinical Standards. "But we need to normalize the conversation that these feelings that you're having, the feeling trapped and frustrated and sometimes angry, is very normal."

Scheu has never had a plan to harm herself, and said she's always been able to talk herself out of her thoughts of suicide within a day. She's only told her mom and her husband about these thoughts, but withheld details. She doesn't want her family to worry.

"There's no reason for alarm," she said.

In an ideal world, Scheu said she'd go back to therapy – but for now, that's not an option.

Caregivers with health issues often 'forgo their own well-being'

Factors that can increase the risk of suicidal ideation among caregivers include preexisting mental health struggles that are exacerbated by high care burdens, exhaustion, social isolation, feelings of stress and entrapment, pre-emptive grief and post-loss financial hardship. Losing the person you cared for can also lead to feelings of purposelessness, a risk factor among the general population as well.

"Many of the things that caregivers experience are those very things that we're concerned about when we think about risk factors for suicide," Farmer said.

In a 2016 study, more than half of hospice and palliative social workers (55.4%) reported having worked with one or more caregivers who exhibited warning signs of suicide. During the pandemic, 30.7% of self-reported unpaid caregivers for adults seriously considered suicide, compared to 10.7% of the general population. Adult caregivers also reported having experienced disproportionately worse mental health



Evelyn Scheu, 17, plays with her sister Rachel, 4, in their Westerville, Ohio, home. PHOTOS BY DORAL CHENOWETH/USA TODAY NETWORK



Angie Scheu watches her daughter Rachel, 4, in their Westerville, Ohio, home. Scheu, 44, has three children and her youngest, Rachel, has Down syndrome.

outcomes and increased substance use.

However, caregivers often do not have enough time to "rest, recover and take care of their personal needs," which can lead them to "forgo their own well-being," said Lindsay Jurist-Rosner, the co-founder and CEO of Wellthy, a care coordination service for caregivers.

"Sometimes being a mom means that your needs come last," Scheu said. "I think that's something just about every mom can shake her head yes to."

Farmer said feelings of shame can contribute to caregivers' hesitance to discuss suicidal thoughts.

"When you're caring for people, people will call you a hero. And heroes don't ask for help, right? We need to change that narrative. In order to be healthy enough to care for the person that you love, you have to take care of yourself," Farmer said.

Financial barriers keep caregivers from seeking mental health help

Caregivers often call the 988 helpline on behalf of someone else, such as a mother calling to get resources for her

child, according to Farmer. In those conversations, the caregiver's own mental health challenges can come up, too.

While access to crisis support is life-saving, Jurist-Rosner challenges the idea that talk therapy is the only gold standard for supporting caregivers. Rather, it's one component of a larger equation.

Jurist-Rosner said tangible support to alleviate some of the demands of caregiving – such as financial support and relief from administrative tasks – is crucial.

"If you're feeling physically overwhelmed and time-starved, and you're worried about your financial future and putting food on the table because the cost of care is so hard, does spending an hour with a therapist change any of that?" she said.

Scheu said she went to online therapy in 2023 after the stress of parenthood led her to give up her professional dream and close her sustainable home goods store.

But when she used up the limited sessions her husband's health insurance paid for, she couldn't continue.

"We needed to use our funds and our HSA account for other things," she said. Her daughters have myriad health conditions and require frequent doctor visits.

Shairi Turner, Chief Health Officer at Crisis Text Line, worries Medicaid cuts may disproportionately impact caregivers. "Those are going to impact the care of the underserved," she said. "And many caregivers are relying on Medicaid to support or supplement the people they're caring for."

Financial stress, social isolation: 'Perfect storm' for male caregivers

While the majority of America's caregivers are women, more men are taking on caregiving roles and being more active parents than ever before.

With that added responsibility comes added stress, and some men are struggling. But they don't want to talk about it, said Gary Barker, CEO and president of Equimundo, a nonprofit organization dedicated to gender equality and violence prevention.

According to the nonprofit's State of American Men 2025 report, which surveyed nearly 2,500 people, 86% of men and 77% of women say being a provider defines manhood. Men facing financial strain are 16 times more likely to report suicidal thoughts, while women facing financial strain are seven times more likely to report suicidal thoughts.

The financial stress and social isolation many male caregivers feel is a "perfect storm," Barker said. But men are "far less likely to seek help," he said. Americans don't do a good job of teaching young boys and men how to deal with their feelings and practice mindfulness, Barker added. But it "really pays off if we do."

"I think those are the men who probably step back when they could get to the edge of causing harm to themselves or somebody else," Barker said.

'I try not to allow myself to go down that path anymore'

Scheu works part time at a nonprofit. She works mostly nights and weekends so she can care for her girls during the day.

Her days are filled with worry. Worry about her daughters' health, worry about her family's budget.

"It's easy to catastrophize," she said. "I try not to allow myself to go down that path anymore. ... There are too many people that rely on me."

Her front door is adorned with a sign that reads, "Welcome to Camp Chaos." Inside, Rachel's toys litter the floor and her squeals of delight fill the air.

But on her back porch, Scheu finds stillness. She goes back to reminding herself: "This is temporary."

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Wanting a nuclear-free world isn't naive



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In today’s world, civilians can document mass atrocities in real time, and their experiences are immortalized on social media and in news accounts. From Ukraine to Gaza, there is no denying the reality on the ground. But in 1945, the horrors unleashed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki were largely hidden from the outside world.

Eighty years later, thanks to the testimonies shared by those who survived the atomic bombings of my country, we have a window into the truth of what happened on those dark August days when weapons of previously unimaginable power destroyed our cities.

We also know what happened over the torturous months and years that followed, as those who weren’t immediately burned alive succumbed to radiation poisoning and cancer.

How nuclear bombing survivors are still helping the world

Through their tireless testimonies and activism, the “hibakusha” also have shown us the way to protect ourselves and our planet from ever again suffering the ravages of nuclear war. Their courage, sacrifice and relentless advocacy have led to important progress on reducing nuclear risks.

They helped fuel public demand for post-Cold War arms-control treaties that resulted in significant weapons stockpile reductions in the United States and Russia.

They helped persuade nuclear-armed countries to stop explosive weapons tests that caused grave harm to the environment and to the service-members and civilians involved.

They worked to establish the “nuclear taboo” that has spared the use of nuclear weapons for eight decades.



Visitors to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum in 2020 in Japan. The U.S. dropped a nuclear bomb on Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945, and another on Nagasaki three days later. By the end of 1945, the bombings had killed an estimated 140,000 people in Hiroshima and about 75,000 in Nagasaki. CARL COURT/GETTY IMAGES

They delivered millions of petition signatures to the United Nations that helped bring about norms and treaties to reduce nuclear risks.

Again and again, they have proved that progress is possible, and for their decades of work to ensure that no families, no communities, no cities, no country ever again face the unthinkable, the survivors in 2024 were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. It wasn’t the first time the prestigious Nobel committee recognized efforts to rid the world of nuclear weapons – and we are grateful for that recognition.

What humanity is facing 80 years after Hiroshima bombing

And yet, there is so much more work to be done. Dominant voices continue to spread the irrational narrative that nuclear weapons keep us safe, that deterrence will always work, that disarmament is not possible.

Nuclear weapons, they say, are a necessary evil in a dangerous world.

It’s always been an absurd position, but it is unconscionable at a time when

the world is closer to a nuclear catastrophe than at any time since the Cold War – with wars raging in regions with nuclear weapons, more countries weighing whether to develop nuclear weapons and new technologies complicating already-complex weapons systems.

Today, the world faces the undeniable risk that a nuclear weapon will be used again while nuclear powers pour trillions of dollars into the dogma that nuclear weapons can secure peace. Those funds are badly needed to invest into resources and knowledge to build a new security system that will not rely on nuclear weapons.

As the governor of Hiroshima, I urge the people of the world to listen to the warnings of the hibakusha. Their stories are hard to hear, but their chilling testimony to what happened 80 years ago has never been more important.

It stands today as the most powerful and poignant rallying cry to wipe nuclear weapons off the face of the earth.

Just try to imagine living with Setsuko Thurlow’s memories. Now 93, she was a 13-year-old schoolgirl when the United States detonated an atomic

bomb over Hiroshima on Aug. 6, 1945. In 2017, she shared her story as part of her Nobel Peace Prize lecture, reporting on what she saw after emerging from under a collapsed building.

“As I crawled out, the ruins were on fire,” Thurlow said. “Most of my classmates in that building were burned to death alive. I saw all around me utter, unimaginable devastation. Processions of ghostly figures shuffled by. Grotesquely wounded people, they were bleeding, burnt, blackened and swollen. Parts of their bodies were missing. Flesh and skin hung from their bones. Some with their eyeballs hanging in their hands.”

What's naive is believing nuclear weapons will keep us safe

In 2024, in accepting the Nobel prize on behalf of Nihon Hidankyo, a group representing survivors, Nagasaki survivor Terumi Tanaka noted that among the world’s more than 12,000 nuclear weapons – many of which are far more powerful than those detonated over Japan – 4,000 are deployed and ready to be launched at a moment’s notice.

“This means that damage hundreds or thousands of times greater than that which happened in Hiroshima and Nagasaki could happen right away,” Tanaka said.

He called on all of us to raise our voices: “The average age of the A-bomb survivors is now 85. Ten years from now, there may only be a handful of us able to give testimony as firsthand survivors. From now on, I hope that the next generation will find ways to build on our efforts.”

Demanding a nuclear-free world isn’t naive. True naivete is believing that weapons designed to annihilate cities will keep us safe.

Evil is never necessary. The only way to guarantee that these weapons are never used again is to eliminate them once and for all.

Hidehiko Yuzaki, governor of Hiroshima Prefecture, is president of Hiroshima Organization for Global Peace.

Why save Marine Mammal Protection Act?



Jeff Corwin
Opinion contributor

Half a century ago, the American people took a remarkable step. They realized that their own survival is entwined with the survival of other animals. They understood the importance of keeping important species thriving, not just for environmental reasons but for economic ones, too.

People love dolphins, whales, seals, manatees, sea otters, polar bears and other species. In 1972, Americans’ overwhelming public support for these creatures – coupled with awareness of the importance of biodiversity – led Congress to pass, and President Richard Nixon to sign, the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Today, congressional leaders are working on a bill that, without major changes, would just about destroy the protection act. In recent testimony, I shared my concern with lawmakers. I want to provide a glimpse into how the Marine Mammal Protection Act works, because I think it exposes just how extreme this new proposal is.

Protecting marine mammals helps coastal communities thrive

It’s important to understand that the protection act is a hugely successful law. Since its passage, not a single species has disappeared from U.S. waters.

Perhaps the most incredible recovery to me is the mighty elephant seal. Once diminished to fewer than 100, its population is now 10,000 strong in Central California. The elephant seal also is an important economic resource, because tens of millions of dollars flow into the region where people go to witness these incredible creatures.



The North Atlantic right whale named Accordion and her first calf swim close to the shipping lanes at the entrance to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in February. PROVIDED BY NOAA FISHERIES/USA TODAY NETWORK VIA IMAGN IMAGES

Another marine mammal, the sea otter – once critically endangered and hunted for its fur – now thrives in much of its range, from Alaska to California.

The protection act has helped keep our oceans productive. It also has helped yield the largest wildlife-watching industry on the planet, an economic boon for coastal communities. The act sets strong standards, requiring ocean users to minimize how they affect marine mammals to achieve thriving and resilient populations.

Our ocean is a busy place, and we use it more and more every year. Marine species today face greater challenges than ever: displaced and shifting fish stocks, habitat loss, warming waters and increased pollution.

The Marine Mammal Protection Act’s authors recognized that marine mammals can thrive only when their ecosystem as a whole is managed appropriately, using the best available science. That means scientific data, rigor and challenge.

However, proposed legislation would ban the use of crucial data and scientific modeling. That would jeopardize ma-

rine mammals, especially those that are isolated or less studied.

It would slow – by 10 years – efforts to save the North Atlantic right whales from entanglement in fishing gear and other threats. This vulnerable population is already on life support, down to about 370 individuals. Slowing protection could render the species extinct very soon.

The protection act aims to keep marine mammals healthy and restore them to their optimum sustainable population. But the new legislation would set a lower bar, just short of extinction. The proposed standards would merely require “survival” of a species. That would drive population decline.

At a time when the administration is slashing agency budgets and staff, the new legislation would set artificially tight deadlines for regulating harmful activities. That would essentially allow those activities automatically – undermining conservation of the Florida manatee, Alaska polar bears, the Northwest’s resident orcas and more.

The proposed changes also would do away with important “bycatch” provi-

sions, which regulate unintentional capture of fish or marine wildlife during fishing operations.

Currently, management plans developed with input from commercial fishermen and other stakeholders protect endangered, threatened and depleted marine mammal populations from bycatch in commercial fisheries to reduce these incidental deaths to sustainable levels. The proposed bill would make it harder for agencies to limit those losses.

Pass on the legacy of our extraordinary natural treasures

I’m proud of the Marine Mammal Protect Act and its legacy for our children. America has vast natural resources. Having worked in more than 100 countries, I believe no other nation on earth rivals what we’ve been blessed with here.

Our extraordinary natural treasures, from fish to forests, contribute to our natural prosperity and global strength. Our shared natural treasures belong to every American to be wisely used, cared for and then passed on to future generations to harvest and cherish.

While America’s nature is abundant, it is not unlimited. In the past, uniquely American species have been driven to extinction through negligence and exploitation. There was robust bipartisan support to set up this system for protecting wildlife, and it’s a system that has worked wonders. We need that bipartisan approach to continue.

If we support the protection act’s mission by keeping the law strong, we will ensure that Americans inherit a nation rich in natural resources from the land to the sea.

If Congress fails to support this consequential law, however, it will be a catastrophe of our own making and on our watch.

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FED GOVERNOR KUGLER TO RESIGN BOARD SEAT

Federal Reserve governor Adriana Kugler is stepping down from the central bank's board, giving President Donald Trump the chance to appoint an early replacement amid his month-long campaign to badger Fed officials into lowering interest rates. The announcement comes just two days after the Fed said it would hold its key interest rate steady, despite mounting pressure from Trump to trim rates. Two Trump-appointed board members in favor of lower rates, Michelle Bowman and Christopher Waller, dissented from the decision. Kugler was absent from the vote. Kugler's resignation gives Trump an opportunity to at least partially shape the Fed's makeup to his liking ahead of her original departure date. Kugler, a Biden-appointed governor, joined the seven-member board in 2023 and was set to serve through January 2026. Kugler didn't offer a reason for her Aug. 8 departure. A statement from the Fed said she would return to Georgetown University as a professor this fall.

DELTA BOOSTS BOSTON TRAVEL WITH MORE FLIGHTS

Delta Air Lines wants to help Bostonians enjoy their long Patriots' Day weekend in 2026 with 40 new nonstop flights to 10 U.S. "iconic leisure destinations," and seven of them are in Florida. For the first time, that includes Panama City. "Patriots' Day is a uniquely Boston celebration, and we're excited to offer nearly 6,000 additional seats on flights out of Boston to give our customers even more ways to make the most of the long weekend," said Amy Martin, Vice President - Network Planning in a release. Additional capacity for Patriots' Day will be added from Boston Logan International Airport (BOS) on April 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 and 26 to Panama City, Jacksonville, Orlando, West Palm Beach, Pensacola, Fort Myers and Sarasota, along with Charleston and Myrtle Beach in South Carolina and Savannah, Georgia.

AMAZON'S PODCAST GAMBLE ENDS WITH LAYOFFS

Amazon.com is restructuring the Wondery podcast studio by shifting its award-winning narrative podcasts such as "Business Wars" to Audible and consolidating creator-led shows into a new unit, according to a memo seen by Reuters. About 110 employees will be laid off as part of the process and many will transition to other parts of Amazon, the company said in an emailed statement on Aug. 4. Wondery CEO Jen Sargent will also depart the company following a transition period, the memo said. Intense competition, high costs and a growing preference for creator-led video content have prompted audio streaming companies including Spotify to diversify their podcasts to attract more users. Wondery was acquired by Amazon in 2021 and has seen podcast revenue quadruple since then as the studio expanded its slate to include video podcasts and creator-driven series, according to the memo.



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Searching for a dying species



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Why vehicles under \$20K are nearly extinct in 2025

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Before the COVID-19 pandemic, more than half the used cars for sale in the nation were 3-year-old vehicles priced for \$20,000 or less. Today, those same type of vehicles make up only 11% of used cars. In fact, most shoppers who are in the market for a used vehicle would be hard-pressed to find a 3-year-old model below even \$30,000, forget finding one for \$20,000. According to a new study from the research website iSeeCars.com called: "The sub-\$20,000 used car is almost gone," the average list price for a used 3-year-old vehicle is now \$32,635 - \$9,476 more than it was six years ago.

"There's very little negotiation going on for used cars because demand is so high," said Karl Brauer, executive analyst with iSeeCars.com, based in Woburn, Massachusetts. "The price of used cars was dropping for the last two years, not dramatically, but going down a little bit every month. The last three months, it's gone up again."

In February, the average list price for a 1- to 5-year-old used car was \$31,257, up 1% from a year ago. In June, it was up to \$32,437, a 4.8% bump from a year ago, Brauer said.

Of course, that's still cheaper than buying a new car. According to Edmunds.com, the average manufacturer's suggested retail price in June was \$50,523, but the average transaction price - what a customer pays for the car - was \$48,261.

"Who knows what will happen in July. Maybe the trend will stop?" Brauer said.

What's no longer available for \$20,000

Metro Detroit reflects what's happening nationally. Brauer said that in 2019, 52.2% of the 3-year-old used car inventory in the Motor City was priced \$20,000 or less. Today, only 13% of the used car inventory in metro Detroit consists of 3-year-old cars priced for \$20,000 or less.

Brauer told the Detroit Free Press, part of the USA TODAY Network, his company did the study in mid-June. It analyzed data on 2.6 million 3-year-old cars. They focused on 3-year-old cars because those are in the "heart of the age group in the used market," which is 1 to 5 years old, he said.

The study showed that the bestselling 3-year-old used models virtually no longer available for under

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New tax break for buyers isn't as simple as it sounds



Susan Tompor Columnist USA TODAY NETWORK

The new tax break on car loan interest comes equipped with a trunk full of caveats.

How much you might, or might not, benefit depends on how much money you borrow, your interest rate on the loan, and how much money you're making now and in the next few years.

Oh, and you need to buy a new car with its final assembly in the United States.

No, the tax break will not apply to car loans taken out to buy a used car - and that's troubling for many consumers since interest rates on used car loans tend to be much higher than rates on new car loans.



2025 Ford Bronco Sport vehicles sit on a dealership lot for sale in Dearborn, Michigan.

REBECCA COOK/REUTERS

Drivers who prefer to lease won't qualify, either.

Roughly 3.2 million new car loans - or a quarter of retail new vehicle transactions - potentially could qualify for the new tax break based on an analysis of cars sold and income limits for the

new deduction on car loan interest, according to an estimate from Jonathan Smoke, chief economist for Cox Automotive.

How much can you save with the new car deduction?

President Donald Trump rolled out the idea for a new tax break on car loans during a 2024 campaign stop at the Detroit Economic Club. The details of the deal unfolded this summer in tax bills introduced in Congress. The tax break is part of the big bill signed into law by Trump on July 4.

One key point: Higher-income households will not see much or any of this tax break, even if they buy a U.S.-assembled car.

Higher-income households tend to buy more new cars, but their incomes

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\$20,000 include the Chevrolet Equinox, Honda Civic, Kia Sportage, Nissan Rogue, Toyota Camry and Toyota Corolla.

For example, Brauer said, in 2019, 97.6% of 3-year-old Honda Civic cars could be bought for \$20,000. Today, 5.7% of 3-year-old Honda Civics are available at that price.

“That’s 94.1% drop-off,” Brauer said. “The Toyota Corolla, 99.9% were available to a \$20,000 buyer in 2019 and now its 62.9%, so they’ve lost about 37%. Chevy Equinox: 88.1% were available in 2019 for a \$20,000 buyer and now 22.3% for a \$20,000 buyer.”

The study found that passenger cars saw the biggest price increase since 2019, up 48.7%. Prices for used pickups rose 28.8% and used SUVs prices are up 15.4%. Here’s how that translates to dollars:

- **Passenger cars:** The average 2019 list price: \$19,734. Average list price today: \$29,343.
- **SUVs:** Average 2019 list price: \$31,649. Average list price today: \$36,509.
- **Pickups:** Average 2019 list price: \$31,627. Average list price today: \$40,731.
- **All vehicle types combined:** Average 2019 list price: \$23,159. Average list price today: \$32,635.

How COVID-19 drove up car prices

The dramatic shift in used vehicle market pricing can be attributed to a few things, Brauer said.

First there is inflation, which the nation saw rise after the COVID-19 pandemic. But a \$9,500 average price boost can’t be blamed only on inflation, Brauer said.

He blames it more on the restricted



Pre-owned cars and trucks are parked in a lot at Gordon Chevrolet in Garden City, Michigan, on Aug. 23, 2021.

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new vehicle production in the second half of 2020 as automakers idled assembly plants because of the pandemic. Even though they were back online in a matter of weeks, it takes time to get suppliers and production back to full capacity. When they finally did, many automakers were then hit with the semiconductor shortage in 2021 that hindered vehicle production again.

“So you had a huge hit for new car production from mid-2020 to 2022,” Brauer said. “We’re now in 2025, and the cars that would be 3 years old would have been built around 2021 to 2022, and they are not there in terms of the volume the used market needs. It is because the supply of new cars in three-plus years ago are restricted.”

On top of that, prices have systematically been pushed higher by demand as a result of the pandemic, which saw people move from urban to suburban areas when they no longer had to come into an office. With no public transportation in suburban areas, those people now need to buy cars.

“So right when you had new car production restrictions, you had new car demand go up ... and this is three or four years ago,” Brauer said. “That pushed up prices of new cars and pushed people

into the used market, which pushed up the prices of used cars.”

To add to the lack of available late-model used cars, he said, the people who leased cars three to five years ago came off those leases, saw the prices of new and used cars and realized buying out their lease was the cheapest way to get another vehicle. So those leased vehicles are not going back into the used market, he said.

“So all these things, almost every variable that could or would affect used car pricing, has done so in a bad way,” Brauer said. “That’s made them more expensive.”

Used car buying advice

So where does this leave buyers for used vehicles?

“They have to buy older cars with higher mileage,” Brauer said. “When you look at what’s selling, for \$20,000, it used to be a 3-year-old car and it had like 32,000 miles on it. Now, \$20,000 buys you a 6-year-old car with 71,000 miles on it.”

The good news is cars are built better, so the older used models with higher mileage will last longer, he said.

“If you’re forced to buy an older, higher-mileage car, thankfully older cars are better than they used to be,” Brauer said. “I used to consider 100,000 miles as ‘That’s disposable.’ That’s not true anymore. You can get to 200,000 to 250,000 miles fairly easily.”

Brauer offers these tips for buying a used car:

- **Research the market value.** Visit iseeCars.com or other sites such as Edmunds or Kelley Blue Book and put in the VIN number of the vehicle you’re interested in to find out what you should pay.
- **Be flexible:** If you’re open to a variety of brands and models, that will help you find something in your price range. “Most things are expensive,” Brauer said. “But there are pockets:

models, makes and parts of the country where things are less expensive.”

● **Get a pre-purchase inspection:** If it’s a private sale, pay \$200 to have a professional mechanic inspect the car.

● **Demand a printout of the CarFax:** At a dealership, insist on seeing a printed CarFax report.

● **Be willing to go outside your home market to find a good deal.** “Let’s say you’re in Detroit and there’s a car in Iowa you want. Let’s say it would take you 12 hours to go get the car,” Brauer said. “Well, if you’re saving \$1,200 on price of the car, you’re getting paid \$100 an hour to go get it, so that’s a good deal.”

If you have to take a bus or a flight, it might not be a big savings, he said. But Brauer is a big believer in expanding your radius to save a few bucks.

“Sometimes a dealer will ship it, and that can be the most economical,” Brauer said. “It might cost you \$800 to ship it, but if you’re saving \$2,400 on the price, then you’re still getting a \$1,600 savings.”

Likely no retraction on prices

Brauer said it is possible for prices to reverse, but it’s unlikely unless there is a “substantial and unwelcome turmoil” in the economy.

The average used vehicle prices had stabilized over the past year. But when President Donald Trump applied 25% tariffs to all imported vehicles and car parts this spring, buyers flooded the market to buy new and used cars out of fear the tariffs would inflate prices. That rush of demand with limited inventory actually caused prices to rise, Brauer said.

“We’ve stabilized. But I think it’s unlikely we’ll see 1- to 5-year-old vehicles available for around \$20,000 like we did before the pandemic,” Brauer said. “I don’t think that’s going to come back. We’ll see ongoing stabilization, but no retraction in pricing.”

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could be above the income limit required to qualify for the deduction for interest paid on new car loans, Smoke said. And lately, many well-off consumers who might qualify for the tax break have trended more toward paying cash, Smoke said.

With interest rates near 25-year highs, Smoke said, many new-vehicle buyers don’t want to pay 10% or so on an auto loan, when they’re not getting anything remotely near that for cash in a savings account.

The intricate nature of taxes and car loans makes it impossible to give a best-guess estimate for how much an individual might save. It’s not as simple as seeing \$500 off for military or first responders.

The savings from the new deduction on car loans, which was part of Trump’s “Big, Beautiful Bill,” will vary significantly.

A general ballpark estimate suggests that tax savings could range from around \$300 to \$900 per year for many new car buyers, according to Patrick Anderson, CEO of the Anderson Economic Group consulting firm in East Lansing, Michigan.

Car buyers will need to run their own numbers, he stressed, to see whether this is a deal that makes sense for them. Or not.

“If it doesn’t make sense for you to buy a new car, the tax deduction won’t make it make sense,” Anderson warned.

How does the new deduction on car loan interest work?

Beginning on 2025 tax returns, new car buyers can take a deduction of up to \$10,000 in car loan interest during a given tax year.

The deduction would reduce your taxable income in a given year if you qualified.

If you took out a car loan in January or February, this tax break could still work for you. The interest must be paid on a new car loan that originated Jan. 1 or later.

You do not need to itemize your deductions to qualify. You can still claim the standard deduction, as roughly 90% of individual filers do.

Lenders must file information returns with the IRS and provide statements to taxpayers showing the total amount of interest paid during the tax year.

The car loan deduction applies only in 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028. Take out a six-year or seven-year car loan this year and you’re not receiving any tax break in the final year or two of that loan.

The White House bills the change as: “A tax deduction on Made in America

auto loan interest.”

Make no mistake, most people don’t pay anything close to \$10,000 in interest on a car loan in a year. Or even two car loans. So, it’s best not to expect a \$10,000 deduction on car loan interest if you buy a new car soon.

To reach the \$10,000 interest limit, Smoke said, it generally would take a new loan of more than \$110,000. Just how many new car buyers could qualify is even further limited by the rule that the new car or truck must have its final assembly in the United States and the buyer must have an income below a set threshold.

One example of a potential vehicle, he said, would be a Cadillac Escalade, which has some models priced at \$120,000 and up.

For example, you could deduct the full \$10,000 in interest in a year if you took out a \$115,000 new car loan at 11% for 84 months, according to the Bankrate.com auto loan calculator. The monthly payment on that loan would be \$1,712.

Smoke estimated that less than 1% of auto loans are of the size that would produce a \$10,000 deduction on car loan interest in a year.

Tom O’Saben, enrolled agent and director of tax content and government relations for the National Association of Tax Professionals, notes that you can deduct interest from two new car loans in the same tax year, as long as both vehicles and loans meet all eligibility rules.

But again, how many households are taking on two new car loans or more at the same time, or even around the same time?

What are the income limits for the new car deduction?

The deduction phases out by \$200 for every \$1,000 of modified adjusted gross income above \$100,000 for single filers and \$200,000 for joint filers.

A single person with \$149,001 in income or more would not receive any deduction, said Mark Luscombe, principal analyst for Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting in Riverwoods, Illinois.

The deduction phases out entirely, he said, for a married couple with \$249,001 or more in modified adjusted gross income.

Other key rules:

- The vehicle must be new and have its final assembly in the United States. You can ask the dealer, look at the 17-digit vehicle identification number on the car or truck, or look at the sticker on the window. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website has a free VIN lookup tool to decode where a vehicle was assembled. “The assembly information is also on the Moroney Sticker that is required by law to be in the window,” said Mark Schirmer, a spokesperson for Cox Automotive.
- Eligible vehicles include cars, SUVs, pickup trucks, vans, minivans

and motorcycles. It must be under 14,000 pounds in weight.

- Someone who is buying a truck to use for their business would not be able to claim the deduction. “It is not available for a vehicle used exclusively for a business, such as a Schedule C business,” said Luscombe, of Wolters Kluwer Tax & Accounting.

- The vehicle must be manufactured primarily for use on public streets, roads and highways.

- The loan cannot be from “The Bank of Mom” or “Dad’s Dollars” app. Loans must be made by unrelated parties.

- Taxpayers will need to supply the vehicle identification number for the car that they bought using the auto loan when they file their tax return, claiming the deduction.

Many middle-income consumers are likely to benefit – and possibly consider replacing an older car or truck this year or next, according to Anderson, the East Lansing economist.

“This is a very important tax policy change for working-class families – and for the auto industry,” Anderson said.

Offering a deduction on car loan interest paid by consumers, Anderson said, is much more focused on everyday, middle-income car buyers than the soon-to-expire tax credits for electric vehicles, which initially benefited mainly wealthy car buyers. The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 later broadened the tax break and appealed to more consumers. The clean vehicle credit expires Sept. 30 under the mega tax bill.

Younger adults who are buying their first new car, Anderson said, are among potential buyers who are the most likely to benefit from the new tax deduction on car loan interest. Someone who received a graduate degree in 2025, got a job and expects to be making significantly more money in the next few years could see higher tax savings as their income climbs into a higher marginal tax bracket.

Working families that need a family-hauler and drivers eyeing lower-trim trucks for personal use also would benefit, he said.

What cars and trucks qualify for a tax break on interest?

What many might not realize is that popular brands, such as Toyota and Honda, have assembly plants in the United States. The Subaru Outback is made in Indiana.

Buyers who want the deduction can consider the Toyota Camry, the Ford F-150, the Ram 1500, the Toyota Tundra and the Ford Explorer, said Ivan Drury, director of insights at Edmunds.

But some popular brands that won’t qualify, Drury said, include the Toyota Tacoma, the Honda HR-V, the Chevrolet Equinox, the Kia K4 and the Ford Maverick.

Some vehicles are built in the United States and other countries, he noted,

making it essential for buyers to take a hard look at the information for the car or truck they are buying. These “gray” vehicles include the Chevy Silverado 1500, the Honda CR-V, the Hyundai Tucson, the Nissan Rogue and the Subaru Crosstrek.

Drury noted that the Toyota Corolla comes in a variety of styles, and it is assembled in two plants in the United States and three factories in Japan.

Nearly half of all vehicles sold in the United States are assembled here, Drury said, so consumers have a good selection of vehicles to buy to qualify for the tax credit on car loan interest.

Anderson pointed out cars and trucks that could qualify also include the Acura Integra, made in Ohio; the Toyota Camry and Highlander models, made in Kentucky and Indiana; the GMC Acadia, Chevrolet Traverse and Buick Enclave, which are made in Michigan; the Jeep Wrangler and Cherokees, made in Ohio and Michigan; the Ford Bronco and Escape, made in Michigan and Kentucky. (The Bronco Sport is made in Mexico.)

Anderson expects that the IRS will ultimately compile a list of qualified vehicles based on U.S. “final assembly” locations.

Smoke, the Cox Automotive economist, took a look at 2024 sales and gave a percentage of each brand’s vehicles that would qualify, weighted by sales volume. For example, his list indicates that 7% of Volvo vehicles sold in the United States would qualify for the new deduction, 20% of Mazda, 32% of Dodge, 48% of Nissan, 50% of Subaru, 52% of Toyota models, 60% of Honda, 78% of Ford, 83% of Jeep, and 100% of Acura, Cadillac, Lucid, Rivian and Tesla.

But how much will car loan borrowers save in taxes?

Even if you qualify, trying to predict your potential tax savings is cumbersome.

One potential mistake that buyers could make, Drury said, is overestimating the value of a tax break if they’re forced to choose between a manufacturer’s offer for a cashback rebate or a discounted, promotional rate on a car loan.

“We still recommend doing a bit of math on the actual take-home difference as it will vary quite a bit from one consumer to the next,” Drury said.

If you bought a new car or truck in October, you’re only going to qualify for deducting interest for a few months in 2025. If you’re buying next year, it might be wise to buy early in the year so more interest falls within the tax year, O’Saben said.

A key point to understand: Your entire monthly car payment would not be fully deductible. Many people aren’t going to be able to reduce their taxable income by the maximum \$10,000 annual cap for the deduction – even though monthly payments are skyrocketing.



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A/C access and other hotel room fees to know

Some sneaky fees hotels have started charging

Christopher Elliott Special to USA TODAY

Should your hotel room include air conditioning? Victoria Holtz thinks so. Her resort in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, did not. • “The air conditioning in my room didn’t work,” recalled Holtz, a professional speaker based in Houston. “It was hot, humid, and uncomfortable.” • When she called the front desk, a representative said they couldn’t fix the AC in her room immediately, but that they could upgrade her to a suite – for a fee. • “I felt like a hostage,” she said. • Fortunately, most hotel rooms in the United States include the basics like air conditioning, heating, electricity and running water. But her experience comes at an interesting time. There’s a debate happening now in a post-resort-fee era, about what should be included in your room, and what shouldn’t. • So, what happened to Holtz? She was in South Florida to give a keynote speech, and the thought of sweating through three days was just too much. She spent the extra \$120 a day on the upgrade.

Holtz says that wasn’t the worst “gotcha” she has encountered in her travels. Once, when she was staying at a chain hotel in South America, the elevator broke down. Before they let her out of the elevator, she said a hotel employee demanded a \$25 fee.

“I agreed to pay it because I had to give a keynote speech,” she said. “And I was already late.”

So, what should your hotel room include? To obtain a clear answer, we need to take a closer look at how we arrived at this point. It turns out there are things your room should absolutely include, and some sneaky fees hotels have started charging. But fortunately, there are also ways of avoiding a surprise hotel rip-off.

What should be included in your hotel room?

Before we go there, let’s hit the rewind button on hotel fees.

For the last decade, many hotels have automatically charged “resort” fees to guests to cover amenities like daily newspapers, bottled water, and use of exercise facilities. Hotels believed these fees, often added after the initial price quote, were fair. Customers begged to differ. Some argued that they didn’t use all of the amenities. Others said the resort fees should have been disclosed sooner, and not at the end of the transaction, which made the room look cheaper than it was. Eventually, the government stepped in and ordered hotels to disclose the fees sooner.

The result: These fees must now be included in the initial room rate quoted by the hotel. Experts believe hotels will shift to an à la carte model of pricing to make up for the revenue lost by quoting a higher rate, which brings us to the debate about what should be included in a hotel room. And it’s a big question mark.

Before you say, “Yeah, Chris, that example about the air conditioner is over the top!” let me assure you, it isn’t.

I stayed in a vacation rental in Hawaii a few years ago where the air conditioner was locked

down. For an extra fee, the owner said she would enable it. (I refused.) As I write this, I’m in an apartment in Sydney with no air conditioning, and it’s getting hot in here! Go to Europe this summer and you’ll find plenty of hotel rooms without A/C.

Far from being an extraneous discussion, the question of what is – and isn’t – included in a room may prove to be the defining debate of 2025, at least in the travel industry.

Here’s what every hotel should give you – no questions asked

When you book a hotel room, I believe there are certain things you should never have to pay extra for. I’m not including electricity, heat and running water (and also, hot water) since a vast majority of hotels already include these.

Here are the basics – the non-negotiables that make your stay comfortable and functional.

- **Reliable Wi-Fi:** In 2025, Wi-Fi isn’t a luxury; it’s a necessity. Whether you’re traveling for work or streaming a movie to unwind, a strong internet connection should be a given. “Charging for Wi-Fi feels like a money grab,” said Steve Torres, a travel advisor. “It’s especially frustrating when budget hotels include it for free, but higher-end properties don’t.”
- **Daily housekeeping:** Post-pandemic, many hotels scaled back housekeeping to “on-demand” services. But let’s be real: most guests expect their rooms to be cleaned daily. It’s OK to incentivize guests to decline daily housekeeping by giving them points or an amenity, but charging them extra to clean the room is wrong. “Daily housekeeping is a must,” said Sylvia Lebovitch, a travel advisor with OvationNetwork. “For most of my clients, it is not about the actual dollar cost, but more about the feeling of being nickel and dimed.”
- **Potable water:** You know, I thought this one was settled, but apparently not. Make sure your guests have drinkable water. It doesn’t have to be Fillico Jewelry Water, just clean water

that you can drink. That’s especially important when the tap water is undrinkable. Ellen Flowers recently stayed in a Las Vegas resort with “over the top” amenities. But the bottled water costs extra. “I couldn’t help but feel frustrated when I found that water wasn’t included in the room rate,” said Flowers, the travel editor for a fashion website.

- **Basic toiletries and towels:** Soap, shampoo, and towels should never cost extra. “Some things in a hotel room should just be a given,” said Darragh McGillicuddy, managing director of McGillicuddy Hospitality, a consulting firm. “They’re what I’d call the hygiene factors.”

What about the rest?

As you can probably imagine, that leaves a lot of things that hotels could charge you for. And some are likely to annoy you.

Like parking fees.

Edward Winrow, a retired city worker from Calabasas, California, has noticed them pop up in all kinds of places, including some mid-range chain hotels. He thinks they’re wrong, especially when you have a disability. However, repeated emails sent to the hotels have yielded the same response: We charge for parking, regardless of whether you have a disability or not.

“There should be no charge for handicap spaces, or at least a discounted cost,” he said. “There is no extra charge for an accessible room, why then an accessible parking space?”

Then there’s tea and coffee, which has typically been included in the room. But when Andy Ellis checked into a luxury hotel in Glasgow recently, it wasn’t.

“When I checked out, they handed me a bill for tea, coffee, milk, and sugar,” recalled Ellis, a managing director for a shower manufacturer in Morecambe, England. “I was absolutely shocked.”

The point is that hotels are getting creative with their surcharges. Parking and hot beverages are just two examples of what hotels could start charging for. And some already are, which is why your hotel stay may feel like a real rip-off this summer.

The fix? Assume nothing is included in the hotel rate you pay, except the basics like electricity or running water. Always ask before you help yourself to the tea, coffee or the contents of the minibar. Check for a “Complimentary” sticker on the bottle of water to make sure it doesn’t cost extra.

This summer, hotels are trying to make up for the revenue they lost when they had to start telling the truth about their prices. And if you’re not careful, you could end up paying a high price for it.

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News from across the USA

ALABAMA Birmingham: One of Birmingham’s most exclusive suburbs has just landed a spot among the 50 wealthiest in the United States, according to a new 2025 ranking from GoBankingRates. Mountain Brook has long been known for its tree-lined streets, top-ranked schools and strong sense of community. Now, it ranks No. 30 on GoBankingRates’ list of the 50 wealthiest suburbs in the country.

ALASKA Anchorage: Gov. Mike Dunleavy’s office confirmed that the governor recently received treatment for basal cell carcinoma, KTUU reported.

ARIZONA Phoenix: In a study published in July, researchers from the University of Cambridge announced a first-of-its-kind discovery of thousands of microscopic fossils from the Cambrian period unearthed from the Grand Canyon’s walls. Researchers collected rock samples from the interior of the Grand Canyon during a 2023 expedition. One fist-sized rock held over a thousand microscopic fossils, including soft-bodied animals that are rarely fossilized.

ARKANSAS Fordyce: A man has been sentenced to 220 years in prison for a 2024 mass shooting at a grocery store in Fordyce that killed four people, KATV reported.

CALIFORNIA Los Angeles: A rail company is proposing a new privately funded train route that can begin transporting people between Los Angeles and New York City in less than 72 hours as soon as next year.

COLORADO Denver: Colorado’s Ultimate Frisbee Association team will no longer be known as the “Summit” after the team volunteered its name to the incoming National Women’s Soccer League expansion, Denver Summit FC.

CONNECTICUT Norwich: Saint Bernard School will operate independently of the Diocese of Norwich, according to an announcement. The change, effective in the 2025-26 school year, allows the school to keep its Catholic identity while gaining more control over its governance.

DELAWARE Talleyville: Several employees at a recently shuttered illicit massage business who were forced to perform sex acts on clients may have never seen a cent from those acts, court documents detail.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA Washington: A statue of Confederate General Albert Pike, which was overturned in 2020 during the “Black Lives Matter” protests after George Floyd’s murder, will be reinstalled in Washington, D.C., the National Park Service said.

FLORIDA Lakeland: A study into the cause of Lake Bonny’s severe flooding after Hurricane Milton has confirmed residents’ allegations: The city’s pump and infrastructure are “insufficient” for storm events.

GEORGIA Atlanta: Georgia farmers are facing a costly and growing threat from an unexpected source – wild pigs. A recent study used advanced tools over a two-year period to take a closer look at one part of Georgia where the feral animals seem to be wreaking havoc. New research from the University of Georgia reveals that these invasive animals are responsible for more than \$100,000 in crop damage each year in just a small portion of the Peach State, and the true cost could be much higher.

HAWAII Honolulu: Work is now underway on a long-awaited \$337 million five-year project to upgrade and repair the decaying Hilo Wastewater Treatment Plant, Hawaii News Now reported.

IDAHO Boise: A new study found that more than a third of Idaho’s practicing obstetrician doctors left the state after the near-total abortion ban took effect, Idaho Capital Sun reported.

ILLINOIS Rockford: The Rockford Public Library, in collaboration with Severson Dells Nature Center, has officially opened the Bill Perry Native Plant Garden, a transformative green space located on the riverside of the new Main Library.

INDIANA Hamilton County: An energy company is mum on whether it will appeal a zoning board’s rejection of a battery storage complex in rural Hamilton County near the White River, but warned that the county could soon face a dire energy supply shortage. That means even if Appa Power doesn’t appeal the decision, a similar facility could pop up elsewhere in the county.

HIGHLIGHT: WASHINGTON



The Valkyrie, a 60-foot, hand-built Viking ship, travels through Liberty Bay as it heads for the Port of Poulsbo in July. MEEGAN M. REID/USA TODAY NETWORK

Poulsbo: Poulsbo’s marina recently became home to a ship that looks like it came from a millennium ago, promising adventure and modern-day connections to Scandinavian ancestors that once commanded the sea. Docking in late July, a wooden Viking ship has drawn intrigue and photo ops from locals and visitors. The 56-foot handcrafted vessel is the result of a yearslong project that started as a promise from a son to his father. Valkyrie, the boat’s name, is inspired by an ancient Norwegian-built Viking ship that was recovered in Denmark and is certified by the U.S. Coast Guard, making it the first and only of its kind in the country.

IOWA Iowa City: A University of Iowa professor spent nearly \$300,000 on research for his private health startup in violation of university policies, according to a special investigation by the Iowa state auditor’s office. But the professor told the Des Moines Register that the university failed to communicate its policies to him and he never intentionally misspent any money.

KANSAS Topeka: For the third straight year, Kansas has seen its ranking decline on the “America’s Top States for Business” list put out annually by the business news channel CNBC. The Sunflower State ranked 33rd this year, after finishing 29th in 2024, tying with Iowa for 23rd in 2023 and placing 21st in 2022. CNBC ranked Kansas 28th in 2021.

KENTUCKY Louisville: The West Louisville Dream Team has submitted a proposal to purchase the Nia Center from TARC for \$2.1 million.

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: Republican Louisiana Sen. Bill Cassidy officially kicked off his 2026 reelection campaign in what promises to be one of the most watched primaries in the country.

MAINE Lewiston: Central Maine Healthcare officials confirmed a data breach occurred between March 19 and June 1 that may have compromised patient information, WMTW reported.

MARYLAND Annapolis: The Chesapeake Bay Program has announced the expected completion of oyster habitat restoration in 10 tributaries across Maryland and Virginia by 2025. This news comes as partners prepare to plant the final few acres of oyster reef in the last targeted tributary – the Manokin River on Maryland’s Lower Eastern Shore.

MASSACHUSETTS Webster: After two weeks on the run, the elusive water monitor goose is in custody. The 5-foot reptile, the pet of a Webster resident, was reported missing July 18, a day after he was last seen by his owner.

MICHIGAN Lansing: An electric airplane did a few swoops past a large crowd, flying around the Capital Region International Airport on July 30 to show off Michigan’s first electric charging station built for airplanes. For airplanes? Yes, but the charging station is universal, so it will work for electric vehicles behind the airport’s security fence, which is an immediate benefit, said Nicole Noll-Williams, president and CEO of the Capital Region Airport Authority.

MINNESOTA Richmond: A popular music festival is returning, bringing live bluegrass music and other activities to central Minnesota. The 45th annual Minnesota Bluegrass August Festival will take place Aug. 7-10 at El Rancho Mañana Campground.

MISSISSIPPI Laurel: One of the largest poultry producers in the world just got bigger. Wayne-Sanderson Farms, the third largest poultry producer in the world, with about 8% market share, has announced the acquisition of Georgia-based Harrison Poultry.

MISSOURI Jefferson City: An ethics complaint alleging a GOP state senator from Grain Valley was using his church as a political action committee has been formally dismissed, Missouri Independent reported. The Missouri Ethics Commission determined the allegations against New Covenant Ministries and state Sen. Joe Nicola were unfounded, according to the news outlet.

MONTANA Bozeman: Gallatin College has launched a new hospitality program to address the worker shortage in the state’s tourism industry, KPAX reported.

NEBRASKA Lincoln: Congressman Mike Flood said he wanted to talk about President Donald Trump’s signature legislation and declared there was “a lot of misinformation” surrounding it. That’s when the shouting started, continuing for more than an hour as the Republican lawmaker faced a rowdy town hall crowd in Lincoln on Aug. 4, full of people irate about Trump’s new bill and other policies coming from his administration.

NEVADA Boulder City: Boulder City is the latest community in Nevada to enact an anti-homeless camping ban, which took effect in June, Nevada Current reported.

NEW HAMPSHIRE Kensington: The town of Kensington officially transitioned to solar energy with the activation of a new rooftop array on its historic town hall.

NEW JERSEY Teaneck: Holy Name Medical Center has received a \$75 million donation in what it believes to be the second-largest gift from a single benefactor to a New Jersey hospital and the largest ever to a Catholic hospital in the United States, executives announced.

NEW MEXICO Santa Fe: The Taos Bureau of Land Management said a toxic species of algae has been discovered in the Rio Grande, KRQE reported.

NEW YORK New York: The legendary Apollo Theater in Harlem, which has long been the stage for some of the nation’s top Black artists, will restore its signature marquee, thanks in part to a recent grant.

NORTH CAROLINA Fayetteville: The North Carolina History Center on the Civil War, Reconstruction and Emancipation has come a mighty long way – 15 years and counting. Major construction will soon start on the \$85 million state project with a visible frame taking shape by next spring, organizers announced.

NORTH DAKOTA Medora: The Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation is offering discounts to nurses and first responders for the Medora Musical throughout August as part of the TRMF Stars of the State campaign honoring those who work in different industries in the state, KXNET reported.

OHIO Kent: A former elementary school and golf course have been taking on a new life as a facility for flora research. Across the street from the Davey Tree Expert Co.’s main administration building, the longtime Kent company is putting the final touches on its Science, Employee Education and Development Campus.

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: It wouldn’t exactly be like running two county jails, but Oklahoma County is considering something like it. The tentative plan is to start limited construction on a new detention center where Flintco LLC has the jail Behavioral Care Center underway, even without enough money to pay for the jail itself.

OREGON Polk County: Polk County Sheriff’s Office will no longer patrol the portion of the Willamette River it covered after the Oregon State Marine Board cut funding by 30% due to the loss of a federal grant, the sheriff’s office said.

PENNSYLVANIA Harrisburg: More than 600 Pennsylvania bridges have been hit by tall vehicles in recent years. A new campaign by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation aims to make drivers aware of low bridges ahead to reduce the number of crashes as well as costly damage and traffic delays.

RHODE ISLAND North Kingstown: The Quonset seaglider company REGENT Craft is developing a line of military vehicles, part of a defense contract with the U.S. Marine Corps, as construction begins on its North Kingstown manufacturing facility.

SOUTH CAROLINA Charleston : Republican Rep. Nancy Mace launched her campaign for the South Carolina gubernatorial race, joining a crowded field of GOP primary candidates running to succeed Gov. Henry McMaster. Mace announced her candidacy in a speech at The Citadel, a military college in Charleston where she became the first woman to graduate from the Corps of Cadets nearly 26 years ago.

SOUTH DAKOTA Pierre: Secretary of State Monae Johnson said the inclusion of information about a voter’s source of registration in a public database was inadvertent and has since been removed from the database. Johnson’s office has been criticized for releasing a voter registration database that disclosed the identities of voters who had registered at a public assistance agency, with the ACLU of South Dakota alleging that the secretary of state was violating federal and state laws.

TENNESSEE Nashville: The iconic Davis Humanities Building at the heart of the Tennessee State University campus is set to undergo a \$25 million renovation.

TEXAS Amarillo: Gov. Greg Abbott visited Amarillo ISD’s AmTech Career Academy on Aug. 1 to sign House Bill 1481, a new state law requiring Texas public schools to adopt policies limiting student smartphone use during instructional time.

UTAH Wendover: A driver at a land speed racing competition on Utah’s Bonneville Salt Flats died while attempting to break a speed record, event organizers said.

VERMONT Burlington: The University of Vermont Health Network is cutting 146 jobs in its ongoing efforts to reduce the cost of health care in Vermont, the network’s chief executive officer announced.

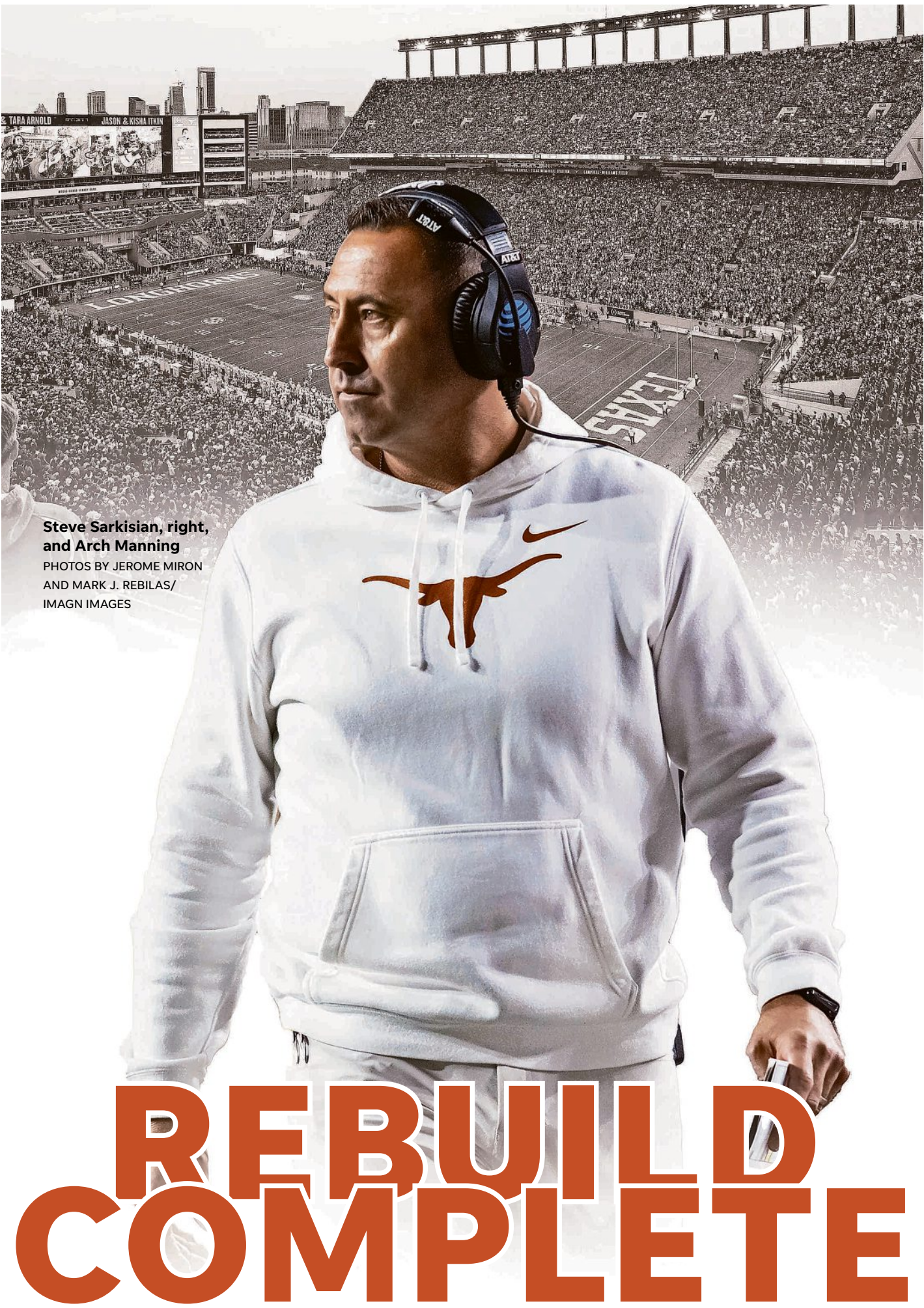
VIRGINIA Staunton: Following last year’s successful debut, the city announced that Staunton Citizen University is back for its second consecutive year, offering residents a behind-the-scenes look at how their local government operates. Starting Sept. 9, the city will host the 10-week interactive course designed to give participants streamlined but comprehensive exposure to key city departments and several regional agencies.

WEST VIRGINIA Charleston: The West Virginia Department of Human Services has launched a new digital platform to improve access to child support services, WV News reported.

WISCONSIN Crystal Lake: After at least 12 days with a plastic jug stuck on its head, the black bear seen wandering around Bayfield County was freed Aug. 3 in Crystal Lake, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources said. Wildlife professionals with U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services tranquilized the bear and cut off the jug before relocating it to the woods.

WYOMING Cheyenne: Gov. Mark Gordon signed an executive order that aims to reduce the risk of wildfires and boost forest health in the state, Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported.

From USA TODAY Network and wire reports



Steve Sarkisian, right, and Arch Manning
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REBUILD COMPLETE

Steve Sarkisian steers Texas Longhorns back to No. 1

Paul Myerberg
USA TODAY

This is uncharted territory for the Texas Longhorns. Twenty years after the program's last national championship, the Longhorns will begin the 2025 college football season ranked No. 1 in the US LBM Coaches Poll, earning 28 of 67 first-place votes thanks in large part to a potentially unmatched collection of talent paced by third-year sophomore quarterback Arch Manning.

This is a first: Texas had never been ranked No. 1 in the preseason in the history of the Coaches Poll, which debuted in the 1950 season.

"This is a new year, new faces, new team, and obviously expectations are high for our program," coach Steve Sarkisian said at SEC media days. "I'm not naive to that. I don't put my head in the

"We have a bunch of good players and follow (Sarkisian's) lead. This is a big-time conference. It's tough each week. But I think we've done a pretty good job. I'm hoping to carry that forward."

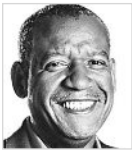
Arch Manning
Third-year sophomore quarterback

sand, and expectations are very high." The preseason ranking can be seen as the latest source of validation for the program constructed by Sarkisian, now entering his fifth season. Helped by an NIL-driven landscape of personnel management that has been a boon for many deep-pocketed programs, Texas looks on paper to be nearly flawless.

Given their ability even in the deep SEC to simply out-talent most teams on the upcoming schedule, the Longhorns' quest to go wire-to-wire atop the Coaches Poll could come down to how they manage intense hype that has coalesced around one all-or-nothing goal: to deliver a national championship.

"I do think we have a very hungry football team, one that is talented,"

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Jarrett Bell
Columnist
USA TODAY

Mahomes' chief goal rooted in no repeat of SB loss

ST. JOSEPH, MO – Maybe there's a message with the haircut. When last seen in live action, Patrick Mahomes had it thoroughly handed to him by the Philadelphia Eagles in a Super Bowl 59 rout. Three turnovers. Six sacks. No three-peat. It was the most crushing loss of Mahomes' magnificent career.

And now the Kansas City Chiefs star has a new 'do, changing his look during the offseason after having a significant amount of hair chopped off. It might make you wonder whether there's some serious superstition in the mix for a man so keen on the details.

Well, not.

"I was ready to get my hair cut the last three years," Mahomes, grinning, told USA TODAY Sports after a training camp practice last weekend. "We had won the Super Bowl two years in a row. I told the guys I was getting a haircut this year, even if we won."

"I'm turning 30. Wanted to change it up. It worked out. I still have a little bit of curls up top. It's just not as long as it used to be."

No, Mahomes, whose 30th birthday is Sept. 17, is hardly having an identity crisis. Go ahead, check his pulse. He knows that even with the Super Bowl setback ending what was arguably his most challenging season, he's still the key reason why the Chiefs are poised to make another run at a championship.

Yet there's no denying how much the stinging, 40-22 loss in February has driven Mahomes in the months leading to the next season. Long months. To call it motivational fuel may seem trite, but that's how he puts it. And he's the one with three Super Bowl MVP trophies. He's the one who bemoaned his performance in the news conference after the game, then apologized on social media to Chiefs fans. He's the one who has to live out the high standard that everyone – beginning with himself – has for him.

He's the one who is such a winner that, fair or not, the seasons are judged on whether or not the Chiefs win the Super Bowl. I reminded Mahomes of what he said in the days leading up to Super Bowl 59, when someone asked him if there was a game that kept him up at night. He didn't hesitate to identify the Super Bowl 55 loss against the Bucs.

Now consider Super Bowl 59. It might give him nightmares.

"When you make it that far and then you're at the end, it just hurts," Mahomes said. "You put so much hard work into it. So, losing on that final step is always hard."

"But it's how you respond. I thought we responded well after that last Super Bowl loss, just kind of building back and getting even better and winning a couple more championships."

"So, now it's about, 'Where are we going to go now? Are we going to get

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Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes goes into a new season with a haircut.
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Sarkisian said. “I think this is a championship roster. Now we’ve got to play like a championship team, but I do think it’s a championship roster.”

How Texas got to No. 1

Before climbing to the top of the pre-season poll, Texas had to experience the lowest point in modern program history. The team Sarkisian inherited for the 2021 season was fresh off four bowl wins in four years, a program first since winning five in a row from 2004 to 2008. But the Longhorns had struggled in former coach Tom Herman’s final two years, failing to build on a 10-win 2018 season capped by a Sugar Bowl defeat of Georgia. Texas opened the Sarkisian era with a nonconference win against Louisiana-Lafayette and then won two in a row to start Big 12 play, rising to No. 23 nationally heading into the Red River Rivalry against Oklahoma. That 55-48 loss was the first of six in a row, the program’s longest such streak since 1956, and included a miserable 57-56 overtime defeat to Kansas – the Jayhawks’ lone conference win and one of just two wins overall on the season.

Steady progress ensued beginning in 2022, an eight-win finish highlighted by a 49-0 rout of the Sooners and five losses by a combined 25 points. The 2023 Longhorns won the Big 12 in the program’s final year of membership before losing 37-31 to Washington in the College Football Playoff national semifinals at the Sugar Bowl.

Last year’s team nearly took the SEC by storm, losing only twice to Georgia – the second in overtime of the conference championship game – and then beating Clemson and Arizona State in the expanded 12-team Playoff before losing a close game to eventual national champion Ohio State in the Cotton Bowl.

“I mean, it was a tough loss, but that was the last season,” said junior linebacker Anthony Hill. “We have a whole new team. We want to go out there and be 1-0 next year. That’s all we’ll focus on is just being 1-0, and we’ll handle everything else when the time comes.”

The program has undergone a clear shift in mentality, embracing the “all gas, no brakes” mindset instilled by Sarkisian and his staff. But the primary factor behind this recent resurgence is simpler: Texas has procured an eye-popping talent level through traditional recruiting and the transfer portal, buoyed by a willingness to spend millions to compile the best roster money can buy.

Arch Manning leads loaded roster

Although it’s impossible to pinpoint the exact total spent on talent acquisition, the 2025 Texas Longhorns roster is expected to cost between \$35 million and \$40 million, the Houston Chronicle reported in the spring.

The crown jewel of this roster is Manning, who enters his first year as the starter after throwing for 939 yards and accounting for a combined 13 touchdowns in the backup role to Quinn Ewers as a redshirt freshman.

Manning is part of four consecutive



Texas coach Steve Sarkisian: “So we’re trying to be sustainable for a long period of time. I think that that’s what good programs do.” SCOTT WACHTER/IMAGN IMAGES

signing classes ranked among the top five nationally by the major recruiting services. The No. 1-ranked class signed this winter included four five-star and 14 four-star recruits, with eight signees ranked among 247Sports’ top 85 prospects overall.

Another 11 players joined the program through the transfer portal, with as many as five projected to start.

“We have a bunch of good players and follow his lead,” Manning said of Sarkisian. “This is a big-time conference. It’s tough each week. But I think we’ve done a pretty good job. I’m hoping to carry that forward.”

To some degree, every program in the Power Four is trying to lean on NIL (name, image and likeness) and the portal to build a deeper roster that layers traditional recruiting and player development with more established players acquired as transfers. The Longhorns’ NIL offerings have joined the program’s inherent advantages – members of an elite conference, one of the nation’s strongest brands, competitive in the championship race – to turn Texas back into a trendy destination for the top prospects out of high school or the portal.

“We’re trying to build a roster that is one that can withstand the test of time,” said Sarkisian. “We never wanted to come here and be a one-year-wonder team and then the next year be not very good. So we’re trying to be sustainable for a long period of time. I think that that’s what good programs do.”

No player embodies the program’s

enviable collection of NFL-ready talent more than Manning, who chose Texas because of his close relationship with Sarkisian and the chance to carve out his own reputation away from the shadows cast by his family’s quarterback legacy.

Like few before him – maybe his uncle, Peyton, and former Heisman Trophy-winning quarterbacks such as Tim Tebow – Manning will be watched, monitored and scrutinized at a level unmatched by any other active player in the Football Bowl Subdivision, his every performance held against the obscenely high standard set by his name, location and obvious physical gifts.

“I take football pretty seriously,” Manning said. “Other than that, just a regular guy.”

Handling hype and expectations

A steady stream of factors have combined to make this the most highly anticipated season of Texas football in decades – a statement in itself given the annual hype around the program – and raised the boom-or-bust stakes to the point where anything less than an SEC crown and multiple Playoff wins could be seen as a disappointment.

One is the Longhorns’ back-to-back Playoff berths, with both years ending with the offense having opportunities in the red zone and in range of delivering an appearance in the championship game. (Fixing ongoing red-zone issues is a “huge emphasis of ours” this offseason, Sarkisian said.)

The second is the wealth of depth and experience on the roster. While not necessarily represented in previous starting experience at Texas, which brings back only nine starters from last season, the run of top-ranked signing and portal classes in a row have created a conveyor belt type of depth chart substitution where rising stars such as sophomore edge rusher Colin Simmons (nine sacks in 2024) are poised to transition from key reserve roles into the starting lineup.

And the third is Manning. If he plays well and the Longhorns win the SEC, Manning will be fodder for talk show debate centered on the possibility that he enters the NFL draft after one season as the starter; if Texas struggles, the red-shirt sophomore could easily become the scapegoat.

There’s no question the Longhorns are deserving of the hype. But what will decide this season is how Texas manages these intense expectations against a schedule that opens with a rematch at No. 2 Ohio State, features road trips to Florida and Georgia, includes the annual neutral-site matchup with Oklahoma and ends with the first matchup against Texas A&M at DKR-Texas Memorial Stadium since 2010.

“But I also say we’re the University of Texas, and the standard is the standard here, and that’s competing for championships year in and year out,” said Sarkisian. “It didn’t matter when we were in the previous conference. It didn’t matter now that we’re in the SEC. It is what it is.”

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even better from that loss? Are we going to find ways to make everyone better, not just one person?”

“I feel like we’ve done that in camp. But you can’t prove it until you go out there and do it.”

Of course, as great as Mahomes is, it’s never all on one player. Two of the biggest questions in the Chiefs training camp revolve around the overhauled offensive line and the development of the wide receiver corps.

That Mahomes absorbed a career-high six sacks in the Super Bowl – without a single blitz, reflecting how overmatched his O-line was against Philadelphia’s powerful front – was no mere aberration. He was sacked a career-high 36 times during the regular season.

And the problems protecting his blind side stuck out. Kansas City started four players at left tackle last season, including All-Pro left guard Joe Thuney. The patchwork arrangements worked well enough for the Chiefs to reach the Super Bowl, but the deficiency was exposed further when it mattered most.

The overhauled line included the trade of Thuney to the Chicago Bears and the first-round selection of Ohio State product Josh Simmons, the projected answer at left tackle.

Meanwhile, just like last year, the



Quarterback Patrick Mahomes reacts in the fourth quarter of the Chiefs’ Super Bowl 59 loss to the Eagles. MARK J. REBILAS/IMAGN IMAGES

Chiefs hope to add punch with a consistent deep passing game. Injuries undermined the efforts last season (first to Marquise “Hollywood” Brown, then to Rashee Rice), which is one reason Mahomes didn’t pass for 4,000 yards for the first time since he became a starter in 2018.

Mahomes’ 26 touchdown passes in 2024 tied for the lowest total of his career as a starter, and for the first time

since 2018 he wasn’t selected to the Pro Bowl.

So, there were some significant markers that underscored the challenges for Mahomes in trying to establish a consistent rhythm. Sure, the Chiefs finished 15-2 to win a ninth consecutive AFC West title. Yet there were too many close calls for comfort, with games going down to the wire. And too often, Mahomes narrowly missed in

connecting for big plays.

“There’s stuff we’ve got to get better at,” Mahomes said. “Especially myself. There’s plays on the football field that I didn’t make last year, that I’ve made in previous years. At the end of the day, I’m going to do whatever it takes to win, whether that’s passing for a lot of yards, not passing for a lot of yards. But I think if I play better, that’s going to make it better for the team. So, I’ve got to be better at executing whenever the shots are there, making those throws. Because that’s going to alleviate pressure on our defense and make them play more free and make the team play more free.”

Mahomes knows the formula better than most, with the Chiefs advancing to at least the AFC title game in each of his seven seasons as a starter. Now add another dose of fire to the equation, flowing from the Super embarrassment.

“It just gives you a little extra in some of the workouts and those film sessions, to try to find the little things to get even better,” Mahomes said. “You try to do that when you have success, but at the same time when you have success you can sometimes be complacent. Obviously, you don’t want to lose the game, but it can give you a little bit more motivation to be even better.”

Which is quite the warning for the rest of the NFL.

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PGA Tour mulls fixing Playoff loophole

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Rory McIlroy is skipping the FedExCup’s first Playoff tournament – the event sponsored by the PGA Tour’s biggest sugar daddy, FedEx.

McIlroy, the reigning Masters champion and world No. 2, is the only eligible player from the field of 70 skipping out on the \$20 million purse at this week’s FedEx St. Jude Championship in Memphis, Tennessee, at TPCbSouthwind.

Peter Malnati, a player director on the PGA Tour policy board, was asked if he was concerned that one of the top players elected not to compete in one of the three legs of the FedExCup Playoffs.

“Very concerned,” he said.

This year is considered a bridge year for the FedExCup Playoffs and the Tour Championship, in particular. After several months of debating numerous potential formats, the PGA Tour reached an unanimous decision to ditch the much-beleaguered starting strokes format and reinstitute a format where all 30 contestants that make it to East Lake for the final leg will begin the 72-hole stroke-play championship at even par.

However, the PGA Tour didn’t close the loophole that allows McIlroy, who with three wins this year has amassed 3,444 FedExCup points to rank second to Scottie Scheffler, to do that.

On Aug. 3, McIlroy banked a cumulative \$10 million in bonus money for his successes in the regular season and he’s in line for two more paydays in addition to his winnings in the remaining two Playoff events should he choose to compete. He’s already mathematically locked up a berth in the second Playoff event, the BMW Championship, reserved for the top 50 in the FedExCup standings, and the Tour Championship, which features the top 30, in Atlanta. Technically, there’s no consequences for McIlroy electing to take the week off during the FedEx St. Jude. The Playoff events offer four times the points (with 2,000 being awarded to the winner), so not playing ostensibly could cost him a few spots in the season-long standings and effect his bonus after the BMW depending on who plays well in Memphis.

But when asked if any measures will be added in the future to prevent McIlroy or any other players from taking the week off during the Playoffs, Malnati said, “I think there is stuff in the works



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland tees off during the 153rd British Open on July 20. CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

and I’ll leave it at that.”

Webb Simpson, a fellow player director on the tour board, didn’t elaborate if it would be a rule or a penalty implemented to discourage others from skipping Playoff events in the future and didn’t have a problem with McIlroy’s decision.

“I think it’s too hard of a thing to make guys have to play. We’re still a sport where you can play when you want to play,” Simpson said.

He recalled that in 2020 he ranked third in the FedExCup and withdrew from the BMW Championship to prioritize rest and preparation ahead of the Tour Championship.

“I knew I couldn’t fall more than one spot and I thought losing one stroke at East Lake was worth a week of rest because I was toast,” he said. “I don’t know Rory’s reason, but I totally get it. It’s a hard to thing to fix.”

Simpson isn’t the only player to skip FedExCup Playoff events before, either. Tiger Woods skipped the inaugural FedExCup event in 2007, citing fatigue after back-to-back victories at the WGC Bridgestone Invitational and the PGA Championship. He would go on to win the final two Playoff events and claim the first Cup. He also withdrew from the

Northern Trust in 2019, the first Playoff event, citing an oblique strain.

Jim Furyk famously missed the 2010 Barclays, a FedExCup Playoff event at the time, due to oversleeping after his alarm clock battery died and being late for his pro-am tee time. He still managed to win the FedExCup title that year.

McIlroy, who is planning to play several international events later this year, including in India and Australia, should be commended for being a global player, but this can’t sit well with FedEx. One could argue that this is no different than a division champ receiving a postseason bye in other sports, but McIlroy’s action diminishes the PGA Tour’s product and doesn’t show much respect for FedEx’s \$100 million annual commitment.

He made his intentions known that he would skip the first Playoff event nearly a year ago and hasn’t been shy about saying that TPC Southwind isn’t his cup of tea.

“I finished, basically, dead last there (last) year, and only moved down one spot in the playoff standings,” he told The Telegraph last November. [He actually finished second-to-last in 2024, but who’s counting? He also missed the cut in 2022 when the field was 125 players. In

2023, he did finish T-3.]

The show will go on in Memphis with 69 not 70 players, but expect there to be a more severe penalty instituted for players who don’t play all three Playoff events if eligible.

“You might have one to two guys do that for an event but I don’t think it will become a thing because they are still huge events against the best players in the world,” said Jordan Spieth, a former tour policy player director. “I think they’re trying to figure out how to make sure you don’t skip both of them and ideally neither of them.”

It will be an interesting case study into the style of new PGA Tour CEO Brian Rolapp and how he handles this delicate situation with his biggest sponsor and most popular player. In an era when the tour likes to talk about what is best for the fan, Rolapp knows from his days at the NFL that a true playoff needs consequences. It’s stuff such as McIlroy skipping the first event that damages the credibility of the FedExCup just as the tour is renewing efforts again to present its season finale as a legacy-making event. It’s time for Rolapp to close the Playoff loophole, and when he does it should be referred to as the McIlroy Rule.

Jeeno Thitikul ascends back to world No. 1

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Jeeno Thitikul’s rise to the top of the women’s game didn’t come after one magnificent feat, but rather many, many months of world-class consistency.

Thitikul rose to No. 1 in the Rolex Rankings for a second time on Aug. 4 after finishing in a share of 30th at the AIG Women’s British Open. That she toppled a player in Nelly Korda who won seven times last season says as much about Korda’s lack of firepower in recent months as it does Thitikul’s solid play.

The 22-year-old Thitikul’s seven top-5 finishes this season includes a victory at the Mizuho Americas Open, the fifth LPGA title of her career, and another win against a strong field on the LET at the 2025 PIF Saudi Ladies International in February.

Here’s a look back on how it all got started:

Youngest player to ever win a professional event

Thitikul’s name first made international headlines when won the 2017 Ladies European Thailand Championship as a 14-year-old on the LET. At 14 years, 4 months and 19 days old, it made her the youngest to win a professional title, a record that has since been broken.

That feat came months after she finished 37th at the Honda LPGA Thailand event in Pattaya.

The LET victory gave her berths into the Women’s British Open and Evian. She missed the cut at the British by a shot but played the weekend in France, finishing in a share of 64th.

More amateur acclaim for Thitikul

In 2018, she won the Women’s Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship in Singapore at age 15, which qualified her for the HSBC Women’s World Championship on the LPGA, where she tied for eighth.

She was low amateur at what’s now the Chevron Championship and won Smyth Salver at the Women’s British Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, a

feat she’d accomplish again the following year at Woburn.

In 2019, she won the Ladies European Thailand Championship for a second time with a closing 67.

She rose to No. 1 in the World Amateur Golf Ranking for a short time before turning professional in 2020.

Tough time to turn pro

Thitikul turned professional in January 2020 but saw her inaugural season limited by the global pandemic. She stayed close to home and played on the Thai LPGA Tour, winning five times.

The next year, she began playing full time on the LET, where she won twice and claimed both the Order of Merit title and Rookie of the Year. Later that year, she went to LPGA Q-School, where she finished third to earn her card.

Thitikul begins her LPGA career with a bang

It didn’t take long for Thitikul to break through on the LPGA, winning the JTBC Classic in a playoff in only her fifth start as a member. She was 19 years old at the time.

Later that year, she won the Walmart NW Arkansas in a playoff against Danielle Kang. By October, she’d risen to No. 1 in the world at 19 years, 8 months and 11 days old, joining Ariya Jutanugarn as the only Thai players to do so. Only Lydia Ko was younger when she first became No. 1 at 17 years, 9 months.

Thitikul’s reign as No. 1 only lasted two weeks, but she went on to win the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year honors.

Thitikul’s a top-10 machine

It seemed like the victories would come in bunches after that rookie campaign, but she was winless in 2023 and didn’t win again until June of 2024 when she teamed with good friend Ruoning Yin at the Dow Championship.

Thitikul posted 16 top-10s that rookie season, 13 top-10s in 2023 and a dozen last year.

The consistent play earned her the



Jeeno Thitikul of Thailand earned \$5 million in all during the CME Group Tour Championship in 2024. MICHAEL REAVES/GETTY IMAGES

Vare Trophy in 2023.

To date, Thitikul has 49 top-10s in 76 LPGA starts.

Slowed down by a sore thumb

The 2024 season was slowed down by a thumb injury that forced her to sit out the first quarter of the year, returning at the Chevron Championship.

She’d been experiencing pain in the tendon of her left thumb upon impact, and a doctor advised her to rest six to eight weeks. The injury forced her to make a change in the way she grips the club.

“I think the grip, it’s the most important (part) of the swing,” said Thitikul at last year’s Chevron. “The feeling-wise, when you grip it, yeah, I have to change it because of the injury, to get the less pressure on my left thumb.”

What’s in a name? Thitikul changes hers midway through season

In August of last year, Atthaya Thitikul decided to go by her nickname “Jeeno” going forward because she thought it would be easier for people to remember.

“I think it’s unique and easier than Atthaya,” she said.

Thitikul said her mother originally gave her the nickname “Jeen,” which roughly translates to “Chinese people” in Thai. Everyone in Thailand has a nickname, she explained, because names are traditionally long.

“Jeen is, like, my mom give it to me because she is 100 percent Thai,” Thitikul once explained, “but my dad is Chinese for a little bit. She’s, like, oh, I give it for, like, your father is going to like it.”

Biggest payday in women’s golf

Thitikul hasn’t yet won a major, but she can claim the biggest payday in women’s golf history. On Sunday at the CME Group Tour Championship last year, she poured in a 25-foot putt for eagle on the 17th hole and knocked a 6-iron to 5 feet on the last to clip Angel Yin by one stroke and claim the \$4 million prize. The gutsy performance came after she won \$1 million earlier in the week for claiming the Aon Risk Reward Challenge.

That’s \$5 million in one week.

And yet the thought that popped into Thitikul’s mind as she stepped onto the 18th tee at Tiburon Golf Club that Sunday was that it’s not about the money.

“That word like pop up in my mind on 18 tee box, that we not here for prize money,” said Thitikul. “We’re here for like grow(ing) the game of golf.”

Still awaiting a women’s major breakthrough

There’s no question that Thitikul remains the best player on tour without a major title. That much was clear long before she rose to No. 1 for a second time. The drumbeat to win one grows louder with each passing season, though she downplays it when asked.

“I’m pretty happy with all I’ve achieved,” she said ahead of this year’s KPMG Women’s PGA. “If I can get it, it would be great, but if not, I don’t have anything to regret about.”

Thitikul has nine top-10s in 27 major starts. Her lone top-3 came last month at the Amundi Evian when she lost in a playoff to Grace Kim, who pulled off a string of spectacular shots for the ages.



Neither the men’s nor women’s March Madness tournament will be expanded this season. DALE ZANINE/IMAGN IMAGES

Expansion of men’s, women’s Madness on hold

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March Madness will not expand – for now.

NCAA senior vice president of basketball Dan Gavitt announced on Aug. 4 the men’s and women’s basketball NCAA Tournament will keep its current format for the upcoming season, with the possibility of expansion happening the following year. The announcement means the 2026 NCAA Tournament will remain at 68 teams.

“Expanding the tournament fields is no longer being contemplated for the 2026 men’s and women’s basketball championships. However, the committees will continue conversations on whether to recommend expanding to 72 or 76 teams in advance of the 2027 championships,” Gavitt said.

One of the most divisive topics in college hoops, the expansion of the tournament had been picking up steam in recent months by the high powers of college sports. At a Big 12 meeting in May, NCAA President Charlie Baker told reporters the NCAA had “good conversation” with its media partners about the possibility of increasing the number of teams in the field and wanted a final determination in the coming months.

On July 10, Gavitt said no decision was made on tournament expansion after it was “discussed at length” during meetings for the committees. While those in power had been building toward expansion, the possibility of it has drawn the ire of college basketball enthusiasts, with the common belief adding more teams ruins what is considered a perfect tournament, with any tweak unwarranted.

The men’s tournament expanded

from 53 teams to 64 in 1985, and the format stood until 2011, when the First Four was introduced and grew the field from 65 to 68 teams. On the women’s side, the bracket increased from 48 teams to 64 in 1994, and the First Four was also implemented in 2022.

When the First Four was expanded, it meant more at-large selections and conference tournament champions had to play their way into participating in the first round of the tournament. It led to Cinderella runs to the Final Four like Virginia Commonwealth in 2011 and UCLA in 2021.

NCAA Tournament expansion history

Here’s a look at the history of the NCAA men’s tournament expansion:

- **1951:** expands from eight to 16 teams.
- **1953:** grows to 22 teams.
- **1975:** expands to 32 teams.
- **1979:** grows to 40 teams.
- **1980:** expands to 48 teams.
- **1983:** grows to 52 teams.
- **1985:** expands to 64 teams.
- **2001:** adds one team for opening round play-in, expands to 65.
- **2011:** First Four added, grows field to 68.

Here’s the expansion history of the NCAA women’s tournament:

- **1982:** 32 teams.
- **1983:** grows to 36 teams.
- **1984:** dwindles to 32 teams.
- **1986:** grows to 40 teams.
- **1989:** expands to 48 teams.
- **1994:** grows to 64 teams.
- **2022:** First Four added, expands to 68 teams.

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De’Aaron Fox agrees to Spurs’ max extension

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Guard De’Aaron Fox and the San Antonio Spurs have reached a deal on a four-year, \$228.6 million maximum extension, Klutch Sports CEO and Fox’s agent Rich Paul said.

Fox’s deal will put him under contract with the Spurs through 2029-30, and the agreement gives the Spurs their backcourt of the present and future (Fox and Stephon Castle, the 2024-25 NBA Rookie of the Year) alongside blossoming star Victor Wembanyama.

With the extension, Fox is projected to earn \$265.6 million over the next five seasons.

The Spurs acquired Fox from Sacramento at the February trade deadline and he missed the final 18 games of the 2024-25 regular season. He averaged 23.5 points, 6.3 assists and 4.8 rebounds and shot 46.3% from the field and 31% on 3-pointers last season.

ESPN first reported the news of Fox’s deal.

What does the Spurs’ starting lineup look like?

It’s hard to project San Antonio’s starting lineup because it has not finished its offseason roster moves. But Fox, Castle and Wembanyama are penciled in as starters. Devin Vassell, Jeremy Sochan, Luke Kornet, Keldon Johnson, Julian Champagnie and 2025 first-round draft picks Dylan Harper and



Spurs guard De’Aaron Fox looks on during a game against the Kings on March 7. ED SZCZEPANSKI/IMAGN IMAGES

Carter Bryant will be part of the rotation with the possibility that Harrison Barnes re-signs with San Antonio.

Can the Spurs make the playoffs in 2025-26?

San Antonio was hurt by late-season injuries, including Wembanyama missing every game after All-Star Weekend with a blood clot. The Spurs were 23-29 at the time but just 3 ½ games outside of a spot in the play-in game. They finished 34-48.

The Spurs have an improved roster headed into this season, but they are also in a deep conference, and Mitch Johnson had the interim tag removed as head coach, replacing Gregg Popovich, who stepped down amid health issues.

Ex-NFL QB still ‘volunteer’ coach under Deion Sanders

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Colorado football coach Deion Sanders introduced Byron Leftwich to his team last week, telling his players the former NFL quarterback would be part of the coaching staff and work with the Buffaloes quarterbacks.

“This guy knows what he’s doing,” Sanders told his team, as documented in a YouTube video posted July 29 by Deion Sanders Jr. “And he’s gonna be an intricate part of our success. I already know that. ... So, let’s welcome Coach Leftwich.”

The team clapped. However, the university confirmed Aug. 1 that, “as of right now, Mr. Byron Leftwich is still considered a volunteer with the University,” as he was in the spring.

This could change in days or weeks if Leftwich officially joins the staff as a paid assistant. The university didn’t respond to requests for further comment.

In the meantime, it’s the second or third time since March that Sanders has suggested Leftwich has been hired or is on the verge of being hired at Colorado, raising questions about whether Sanders is getting what he wants from the university in terms of staffing. He’s at least been having to wait for it.

Deion Sanders brought it up at Big 12 Media Days

Sanders previously brought up the subject at a Big 12 Conference Media Days event July 9, when he indicated he wanted to add Leftwich and former NFL head coach Mike Zimmer to his staff in Boulder but that something was in the way of making it official.

After noting his staff already had more than 150 years of combined NFL experience, Sanders said, “This is without Byron Leftwich, which I’m praying that he does the right thing, and Mike Zimmer.”

Sanders didn’t say who he wanted to do “the right thing.” It sounded then like he might have been hoping that Leftwich accepted the job. But considering that Leftwich has returned to Boulder and is not yet getting paid by the university, it’s also possible Sanders could have been applying public pressure on a decision-maker at CU to do “the right thing,” meaning fund and approve the hiring of Leftwich.

Colorado is getting a great deal with Leftwich working for free. He previously helped lead the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to a Super Bowl victory in February 2021 as the team’s offensive coordinator. The New England Patriots

also interviewed him for their head coach vacancy in January. Leftwich, 45, declined to comment when contacted by USA TODAY Sports on July 11.

The university confirmed in July that Zimmer isn’t on the Colorado staff.

Other previous comments by Deion Sanders

In March, Sanders said more notable staff hirings were on the way.

“We have a couple more huge moves we’ll probably make this week, maybe one next week that you’re gonna really appreciate the understanding of how wonderful this staff is,” Sanders said March 17.

Two days later, on March 19, NFL insider Jordan Schultz reported that “Leftwich is back in coaching as he is joining Deion Sanders’ staff at Colorado.”

At the time, Schultz was a client of the same talent agency that works with Sanders, SMAC Entertainment.

But no big staff moves were announced after that. Leftwich wasn’t officially hired. He was spotted at Colorado wearing school gear in March. In response to questions about it, the school said then that Leftwich was a volunteer.

Also in March, Sanders made a cryptic remark about money on a show called “The Morning Run.”

“These people better go and get my money and stop playing,” he said. He then quickly said “bye, bye” before exiting the show.

It’s not clear what he was talking about then, but it could have been about pay for his staff. Sanders also got a new five-year contract after that worth more than \$10 million annually, nearly double his previous annual pay.

Bigger staff and new costs

Despite any holdup with Leftwich, Colorado still has expanded its football staff under Sanders, including the addition of two former Dallas Cowboys players to coach its offensive line, Andre Gurode and George Hegamin.

Meanwhile, Colorado’s athletic department is facing the same financial challenges as other major colleges after a judge recently approved a legal settlement that allows schools to pay players up to \$20.5 million for their names, images and likenesses (NIL). That’s a whole new cost to add to the budget that started July 1.

The Buffaloes began practice last week and will open the season at home against Georgia Tech on Aug. 29.

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Barkley declined to join Trump’s sports council

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Philadelphia Eagles running back Saquon Barkley revealed he declined an invitation to join President Donald Trump’s Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition.

Barkley explained his decision after the Eagles practice on Aug. 4.

“A couple months ago, it was brought to my team about the council. So I’m not really too familiar with it,” Barkley told reporters at the NovaCare facility, per ESPN. “I felt like I am going to be super busy, so me and my family thought it would probably be of best interest to not accept that.”

“I was definitely a little shocked when my name was mentioned,” he added. “I’m assuming it’s something great, so I appreciate it, but was a little shocked when my name was mentioned.”

Trump signed an executive order July 31 to create the President’s Council on Sports, Fitness and Nutrition. Its creation was a reestablishment of the President’s Council on Youth Fitness, which was initially created by President Dwight Eisenhower in 1956.

The White House stated the goal of the new council is “to develop bold and innovative fitness goals for young Americans with the aim of fostering a new generation of healthy, active citizens.”

The executive order allows the council to have up to 30 participants. It



President Donald Trump, right, greets Eagles running back Saquon Barkley on April 28. ANDREW HARNIK/GETTY IMAGES

will be chaired by LIV Golf League star Bryson DeChambeau.

Barkley was named a member of the council by Trump in a news conference announcing its creation; current NFL players Nick Bosa, Tua Tagovailoa and Harrison Butker were also named part of the council along with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor.

Barkley golfed with Trump ahead of the Eagles’ White House visit in April celebrating their Super Bowl 59 win over the Kansas City Chiefs.

Barkley also revealed he golfed with President Barack Obama in October at Merion Golf Club in Pennsylvania. Eagles owner Jeff Lurie was also in attendance for the round, as was quarterback Jalen Hurts, though he did not participate in the round.

Title IX ruling might send a signal

Three women’s teams ordered to be reinstated

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A gender discrimination lawsuit against Stephen F. Austin State University could have national implications after U.S. District Judge Michael J. Truncale ordered SFA to reinstate three women’s sports teams.

Six Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) athletes from the women’s bowling and beach volleyball teams filed a class action lawsuit in the Eastern District of Texas against their school this summer claiming Title IX discrimination after the university announced in May it would be cutting those two programs and men’s and women’s golf effective the end of the 2024-25 academic year. “The decision was based on sustained departmental budget deficits and the anticipated financial impact of upcoming revenue-sharing requirements with Division I athletes,” SFA athletics said in a press release.

The plaintiffs sought to keep the school from axing these programs.

SFA argued that the plaintiffs’ case is based “exclusively on a three-part test contained in guidance and interpretation documents,” rather than the Title IX statute itself. Defendant lawyers urged the court to disregard the policy interpretation handed down by the U.S. Department of Education 46 years ago, citing the 2024 Supreme Court ruling *Loper-Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*.

If the court declined, however, defendant lawyers claimed SFA still complies with Title IX under the 1979 guidance.

After two days in court, spanning 17 hours and 14 witnesses, Truncale issued a written ruling in favor of the plaintiffs on Aug. 1. SFA has been ordered to reinstate all three women’s teams.

Truncale affirmed that the *Loper-Bright* case cannot be applied to Title IX in what plaintiff attorney John Clune called an “incredibly important” win for gender equity in sports.

“If a court were to find that *Loper-Bright* meant that the Department of Education was not allowed to rely on policy interpretations of their own regulations, the entire framework for compliance with gender equity in sports would be thrown out the window,” Clune told USA TODAY. “You’d still be required to have gender equity in sports, but what that means and how you decided would no longer exist. ...

“Really happy about the ruling, but we’re not surprised by the ruling. If you follow the law, this is what the outcome should be.”

SFA will appeal the ruling, university spokesperson Korbin Pate told USA TODAY. In an official statement on the decision, SFA said, “We remain confi-



Stephen F. Austin State wants to cut beach volleyball. DARRYL WEBB/FOR THE REPUBLIC

dent in the legality and rationale behind our decision to reduce the number of sports we sponsor. ... Since there was no evidence that the difficult decision to cut these four teams was based on sex, we maintain that our actions are fully compliant with Title IX requirements.”

What is the three-part test?

Under the Department of Education’s three-part test, a school can be in compliance with the participation aspects of Title IX in any one of the following ways:

- The number of male and female athletes is substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments; or
- The institution has a history and continuing practice of expanding participation opportunities responsive to the developing interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex; or
- The institution is fully and effectively accommodating the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex.

The plaintiffs in this case argued that SFA violated all three prongs. The plaintiffs filed a report by former chief executive officer of the Women’s Sports Foundation, expert witness Donna Lopiano, PhD, to prove such. Using EADA data and annual NCAA participation reports, Lopiano wrote that women made up 62.8% of SFA’s enrollment during the 2023-24 academic year but less than 35% of SFA’s varsity athletes.

SFA cited the 2024 Supreme Court ruling *Loper-Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* in an effort to have the three-part test thrown out. The Supreme Court’s decision made in favor of *Loper-Bright* overturned a 40-year precedent known as “the Chevron doctrine” direct-

ing courts to defer to government agency interpretations of “ambiguous” laws.

But Truncale wrote in his decision that *Loper-Bright* is about an agency’s interpretation of a statute, not an agency’s interpretation of its own regulation. He also wrote that *Loper-Bright* does not overturn any case law that previously interpreted policy. Thus, it does not apply to Title IX’s 1979 policy interpretation.

Breaking down the Title IX lawsuit against Stephen F. Austin State University

Sophia Myers, Kara Kay, Ryann Allison, Elaina Amador, Berklee Andrews and Meagan Ledbetter filed a class action lawsuit on June 30 against Stephen F. Austin State University (SFA) after it announced the elimination of women’s beach volleyball, women’s bowling and men’s and women’s golf on May 22. The six plaintiffs, represented by renowned Title IX attorneys Clune and Arthur Bryant, are current athletes on the women’s beach volleyball and bowling teams.

They argued that the university violated Title IX by depriving them of equal opportunity in intercollegiate athletics and sought an emergency preliminary injunction to preserve the three women’s programs “and all other women’s teams at SFA, until this case is resolved.”

“Title IX mandates that schools provide equal participation opportunities for men and women to compete in intercollegiate sports,” the initial complaint read. “Nonetheless, SFA has a long history of depriving female athletes of an equal opportunity to participate. Consistent with that history, SFA opted to further discriminate against women in

violation of Title IX by eliminating three successful women’s teams: beach volleyball, bowling, and golf. SFA’s decision undercuts Plaintiffs’ civil rights and, if permitted to move forward, will irreparably harm their academic and athletic careers.”

SFA, represented by Marlayna Marie Ellis and Sheaffer Kristine Fennessey of the attorney general’s office, argued that the plaintiff’s case is based “exclusively on a three-part test contained in guidance and interpretation documents, rather than the statute or 1975 implementing regulation.”

Defendant lawyers urged the court to disregard the three-part test but affirmed that SFA is Title IX compliant regardless, citing the test’s first and third prongs.

The first prong requires “the number of male and female athletes is substantially proportionate to their respective enrollments.” The third requires “the institution is fully and effectively accommodating the interests and abilities of the underrepresented sex.” Defendant lawyers claimed there is “no strict rule” defining “substantially proportionate” and that SFA “effectively accommodates the interest and abilities of women, despite the discontinuation of the women’s beach volleyball, bowling, and golf teams.”

Financial pressure from House settlement not valid defense for cutting women’s sports

SFA opted into the House settlement, where schools are able to pay athletes directly starting this athletic year with a \$20.5 million cap per institution. These new financial pressures are why athletic director Michael McBroom said the decision to cut teams was made.

The athletic department reported a \$1 million surplus during the 2024 fiscal year, with about \$24 million in institutional support out of \$28.8 million in total operating revenue. In FY2023, SFA reported a \$61,000 deficit, with \$19.4 million in institutional support. And in FY2022, SFA reported a \$275,000 deficit, with \$17.7 million institutional support.

Plaintiffs argued, successfully, that “budgetary constraints are not a legitimate defense to Title IX.”

“The funding of those revenue-sharing payments for football players and men’s basketball absolutely cannot come at the expense of women’s sports,” Clune said. “So this is a huge message to schools across the country. Whatever you have to do to figure out how you’re going to fund your revenue-sharing payments, it’s not going to come at the expense of women’s opportunities to participate in sports. That’s a big deal.”

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1. Secured Promissory Term Note dated July 29, 2022 in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000.00 (the "Secured Note", together with all other documents evidencing and/or securing the Loan (as hereinafter defined), the "Loan Documents") given by Torpago, Inc., a Delaware corporation, to Priority Tech Ventures, LLC, as successor by assignment to First Fed Bank, evidencing that certain term loan in the original principal amount of \$2,500,000.00 extended by Lender to Borrower on or about July 29, 2022 (the "Loan").

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MLB

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	66	48	.579	—
Boston	63	51	.553	3
N.Y. Yankees	60	53	.531	5½
Tampa Bay	55	59	.482	11
Baltimore	51	62	.451	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	66	48	.579	—
Cleveland	57	55	.509	8
Kansas City	56	57	.496	9½
Minnesota	52	60	.464	13
Chi. White Sox	42	70	.375	23

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	66	48	.579	—
Seattle	60	53	.531	3
Texas	59	55	.518	4½
L.A. Angels	55	58	.487	8
Athletics	49	65	.430	14½

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	64	48	.571	—
N.Y. Mets	63	50	.558	1½
Miami	55	56	.495	8½
Atlanta	47	64	.423	16½
Washington	44	67	.396	19½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	68	44	.607	—
Chicago Cubs	65	47	.580	3
Cincinnati	59	54	.522	9½
St. Louis	57	57	.500	12
Pittsburgh	49	64	.434	19½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	65	48	.575	—
San Diego	62	51	.549	3
San Francisco	56	57	.496	9
Arizona	54	59	.478	11
Colorado	30	82	.268	34½

Monday's Games

Detroit 6, Minnesota 3
Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 4
Houston 8, Miami 2
Philadelphia 13, Baltimore 3
Boston 8, Kansas City 5
Cleveland 7, N.Y. Mets 6
Milwaukee 3, Atlanta 1
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2
Texas 8, N.Y. Yankees 5
Toronto 15, Colorado 1
L.A. Angels 5, Tampa Bay 1
Arizona 6, San Diego 2
St. Louis 3, L.A. Dodgers 2

Tuesday's Games

Minnesota at Detroit
San Francisco at Pittsburgh
Houston at Miami
Athletics at Washington
Baltimore at Philadelphia
Kansas City at Boston
Cleveland at N.Y. Mets
Milwaukee at Atlanta
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs
N.Y. Yankees at Texas
Toronto at Colorado
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels
San Diego at Arizona
Chi. White Sox at Seattle
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore at Philadelphia, 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1:10 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 2:35 p.m.
Toronto at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 4:07 p.m.
St. Louis at L.A. Dodgers, 4:10 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 4:40 p.m.
Athletics at Washington, 6:45 p.m.
Kansas City at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Athletics at Washington, 12:05 p.m.
Chi. White Sox at Seattle, 4:10 p.m.
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 6:40 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m.

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Liberty	18	10	.643	—

Atlanta	18	11	.621	½
Indiana	17	12	.586	1½
Washington	13	15	.464	5
Chicago	7	21	.250	11
Connecticut	5	22	.185	12½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	24	5	.828	—
Phoenix	17	11	.607	6½
Seattle	16	13	.552	8
Las Vegas	15	14	.517	9
Golden State	14	14	.500	9½
L.A. Sparks	12	15	.444	11
Dallas	8	21	.276	16

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Liberty 87, Connecticut 78
Atlanta 99, Washington 83
Indiana 78, Seattle 74
Phoenix 83, Chicago Sky 67
Las Vegas 101, Golden State 77

Tuesday's Games

Dallas at N.Y. Liberty
Washington at Chicago Sky
Indiana at L.A. Sparks
Connecticut at Phoenix
Minnesota at Seattle

Wednesday's Game

Las Vegas at Golden State, 10 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Atlanta at Chicago Sky, 8 p.m.
Connecticut at L.A. Sparks, 10 p.m.
Indiana at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	15	5	5	50	43	24
Cincinnati	15	6	4	49	39	31
Nashville	14	6	5	47	42	26
Columbus	12	5	8	44	41	36
Inter Miami CF	12	4	6	42	49	34
Orlando City	11	6	8	41	46	33
Charlotte FC	12	11	2	38	43	39
N.Y. City FC	11	8	5	38	34	29
N.Y. Red Bulls	10	9	5	35	45	40
N.Y. Red Bulls	9	10	6	33	39	36
New England	6	11	7	25	31	35
Toronto FC	5	13	6	21	25	32
Atlanta	4	11	9	21	29	45
D.C. United	4	14	7	19	22	49
CF Montréal	4	15	6	18	23	46

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
San Diego FC	14	7	4	46	48	32
Vancouver	13	5	6	45	42	26
Minnesota	12	5	8	44	42	28
Seattle	10	6	8	38	39	35
Portland	10	7	7	37	33	32
Los Angeles FC	10	6	6	36	39	28
Austin FC	9	8	6	33	21	26
Real Salt Lake	9	11	4	31	26	30
Colorado	8	11	6	30	31	39
San Jose	7	10	8	29	47	44
Houston	7	11	6	27	30	39
FC Dallas	6	11	7	25	35	45
Sporting KC	6	12	6	24	36	45
Saint Louis	4	14	6	18	24	40
LA Galaxy	3	14	7	16	28	48

Note: Three points for win, one point for tie.

Saturday's Games

New York City vs. Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
New England vs. D.C. United, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal vs. Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sporting KC vs. San Diego FC, 8:30 p.m.
Chicago vs. LAFC, 8:30 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Nashville, 8:30 p.m.
Austin vs. Houston, 8:30 p.m.
FC Dallas vs. Portland, 8:30 p.m.
San Jose vs. Vancouver, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

N.Y. Red Bulls vs. Real Salt Lake, 6 p.m.
FC Cincinnati vs. Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Colorado, 6 p.m.
Orlando City vs. Inter Miami, 8 p.m.
LA Galaxy vs. Seattle, 10 p.m.

CONCACAF Leagues Cup
Group Stage

Tuesday's Games

Columbus vs. Leon
Toluca vs. New York City
Montreal vs. Puebla
Houston vs. Pachuca
Mazatlan vs. San Diego
Tigres UANL vs. LAFC

Wednesday's Games

Orlando vs. Necaxa, 7 p.m.
Inter Miami vs. Pumas UNAM, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Atlas, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota vs. San Luis, 8:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake vs. Queretaro, 9:30 p.m.
Club America vs. Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Cincinnati vs. Guadalajara, 7 p.m.

Monterrey vs. Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls vs. Juarez, 7:30 p.m.
Cruz Azul vs. Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
LA Galaxy vs. Santos Laguna, 11:15 p.m.

NWSL

	W	L	D	Pts	GF	GA
Kansas City	12	2	0	36	31	10
Orlando	8	4	2	26	21	11
Washington	8	4	2	26	23	20
San Diego	7	3	4	25	25	16
Seattle	7	4	3	24	19	13
Portland	6	4	4	22	20	14
Louisville	6	6	2	20	19	24
Gotham	5	5	4	19	18	20
North Carolina	5	5	4	19	18	20
Bay	4	6	4	16	16	19
Angel City	4	7	3	15	20	26
Houston	3	8	3	12	15	24
Chicago	1	9	4	7	11	28
Utah	1	10	3	6	12	30

Note: Three points for win, one point for tie.

Friday's Games

North Carolina at Houston, 8 p.m.
Kansas City at Utah, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Washington at Gotham, noon
Louisville at Orlando, 7:30 p.m.

English Premier League

	GP	W	D	L	GD	P
Arsenal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aston Villa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bournemouth	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brentford	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brighton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burnley	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chelsea	0	0	0	0	0	0
Crystal Palace	0	0	0	0	0	0
Everton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fulham	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leeds United	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liverpool	0	0	0	0	0	0
Man City	0	0	0	0	0	0
Man United	0	0	0	0	0	0
Newcastle	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not'tm Forest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sheff Wed	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tottenham	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Ham	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wolverhampton	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Three points for win, one point for tie.

Friday, Aug. 15

Liverpool vs. AFC Bournemouth, 3 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 16

Aston Villa vs. Newcastle, 7:30 a.m.
Brighton vs. Fulham, 10 a.m.
Sunderland vs. West Ham, 10 a.m.
Rangers vs. Burnley, 10 a.m.
Wolverhampton vs. Man. City, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 17

Chelsea vs. Crystal Palace, 9 a.m.
Nottingham Forest vs. Brentford, 9 a.m.
Manchester United vs. Arsenal, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, Aug. 18

Leeds United vs. Everton, 3 p.m.

GOLF

PGA World Rankings

1. Scottie Scheffler, 20.01.
2. Rory McIlroy, 11.39.
3. Xander Schauffele, 7.15.
4. Justin Thomas, 6.24.
5. Russell Henley, 5.97.
6. Collin Morikawa, 5.59.
7. Keegan Bradley, 4.88.
8. Harris English, 4.83.
9. J.J. Spaun, 4.81.
10. Sepp Straka, 4.77.
11. Ludwig Aberg, 4.74.
12. Hideki Matsuyama, 4.58.
13. Viktor Hovland, 4.56.
14. Robert MacIntyre, 4.44.
15. Tommy Fleetwood, 4.35.
16. Bryson DeChambeau, 4.25.
17. Ben Griffin, 3.93.
18. Maverick McNealy, 3.82.
19. Shane Lowry, 3.80.
20. Justin Rose, 3.51.
21. Tyrrell Hatton, 3.42.
22. Patrick Cantlay, 3.34.
23. Sam Burns, 3.31.
24. Corey Conners, 3.30.
25. Wyndham Clark, 3.22.
26. Chris Gotterup, 3.07.
27. Brian Harman, 2.98.
28. Sungjae Im, 2.84.
29. Billy Horschel, 2.84.
30. Nick Taylor, 2.65.
31. Andrew Novak, 2.64.
32. Ryan Fox, 2.62.
33. Jason Day, 2.62.
34. Daniel Berger, 2.60.
35. Aaron Rai, 2.59.
36. Max Greyserman, 2.56.
37. Taylor Pendrith, 2.55.
38. Akshay Bhatia, 2.55.

39. Kurt Kitayama, 2.50.
40. Matt Fitzpatrick, 2.48.
41. Thomas Detry, 2.47.
42. Min Woo Lee, 2.47.
43. Sam Stevens, 2.42.
44. Cameron Young, 2.39.
45. Adam Scott, 2.35.
46. J.T. Poston, 2.34.
47. Lucas Glover, 2.33.
48. Tony Finau, 2.28.
49. Denny McCarthy, 2.27.
50. Ryan Gerard, 2.26.

PGA Tour Schedule

Aug. 7-10 — FedEx St. Jude Championship, Memphis, Tenn.
Aug. 16 — BMW Championship, Owings Mills, Md.
Aug. 21-24 — TOUR Championship, Atlanta
Sept. 11-14 — Procore Championship, Napa, Calif.
Sept. 26-28 — Ryder Cup, Farmingdale, N.Y.
Oct. 2-5 — Sanderson Farms Championship, Jackson, Miss.
Oct. 9-12 — Baycutt Classic
Oct. 23-26 — Bank of Utah Championship, Livings, Utah
Nov. 6-9 — World Wide Technology Champi-onship, Cabo San Lucas, Mexico
Nov. 13-16 — Butterfield Bermuda Champi-onship, Southampton, Bermuda
Dec. 20-23 — The RSM Classic, Sea Island, Ga.
Dec. 4-7 — Hero World Challenge, Albany, Bahamas

LPGA Tour Schedule

Aug. 14-17 — The Standard Portland Classic, Portland, Ore.
Aug. 21-24 — CPKC Women's Open, Mississauga, Canada
Aug. 28-31 — FM Championship, Norton, Mass.
Sept. 11-14 — Kroger Queen City Champi-onship presented by P&G, Maineville, Ohio
Sept. 19-21 — Walmart NW Arkansas Champi-onship Presented by P&G, Arkansas, Ark.
Oct. 1-4 — LOTTE Championship presented by Hoka!ej, Ewa Beach, Hawaii
Oct. 9-12 — Buick LPGA Shanghai, Shanghai, China PR
Oct. 23-26 — Hanwha LIFEPLUS International Crown
Oct. 30-Nov. 2 — Maybank Championship, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Nov. 6-9 — TOTO Japan Classic, Otsu City, Japan
Nov. 13-16 — The ANNIKA driven by Gain-bridge at Pelican, Belleair, Fla.
Nov. 20-23 — CME Group Tour Championship, Naples, Fla.

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7. Ryan Blaney, 665.
8. Chase Briscoe, 640.
9. Alex Bowman, 614.
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11. Chris Buescher, 574.
12. Joey Logano, 560.
13. Ryan Preece, 551.
14. Ross Chastain, 544.
15. Kyle Busch, 501.
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17. Austin Cindric, 481.
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21. Josh Berry, 443.
22. Carson Hocevar, 443.
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26. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 398.
27. Zane Smith, 395.
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29. Justin Haley, 378.
30. Todd Gilliland, 367.
31. Daniel Suárez, 363.
32. Ty Dillon, 348.
33. Cole Custer, 291.
34. Noah Gragson, 283.
35. Riley Herbst, 269.
36. Cody Ware, 154.
37. Katherine Legge, 56.
38. Jimmie Johnson, 35.
39. Derek Kraus, 5.
40. Chad Finchum, 3.
41. Casey Mears, 2.
42. Kurt Myers, 1.
43. Will Brown, 1.
44. Martin Truex Jr., 1.

Sports Weekly

On newsstands: The Bengals once again have a prolific of-fense, but what about the rest of the team? Quarter-back Joe Burrow, for one, loves the vibes. We also look at players who are improving and get-ting more of a share of the offense than expect-ed in camp. In baseball, the Twins became the talk of MLB after moving nearly half of their ros-ter. The Astros and Mariners landed stars, like Carlos Corre and Eugenio Suárez. How did every-one fare? Bob Nightengale explains. Plus, MLB shattered its single-game attendance record at Bristol Motor Speedway, but the “jewel” event was marred by rain. What are the lessons we learned that baseball can take into the future? As usual, there are MLB power rankings, stats and box scores. You can order the edition at onlinestore.usatoday.com and subscribe to the magazine by going to mysportsweekly.com or by calling 800-872-1415.



NASCAR Cup Series Schedule

Aug. 10 — Go Bowling at The Glen, Watkins Glen International, NY
Aug. 16 — Cook Out 400, Richmond, Va.
Aug. 23 — Coke Zero Sugar 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Aug. 31 — Cook Out Southern 500, Darlington, SC
Sept. 7 — Enjor Illinois 300, Madison
Sept. 13 — Bass Pro Shops Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 21 — NASCAR Cup Series Playoff Race at New Hampshire, New Hampshire
Sept. 28 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 5 — Bank of America ROVAL 400, Con-cord, NC
Oct. 12 — South Point 4

US LBM COACHES POLL OVERRATED TEAMS

Champs will have to overcome losses

Jordan Mendoza
USA TODAY

One thing we know about preseason polls is how little it means in the grand scheme of things. A high ranking doesn't automatically mean success, and there's always teams not ranked that surprise.

But that doesn't stop fans, or the media, from letting the rankings set the expectations.

The preseason US LBM Coaches Poll is out and it provides the first real snapshot of who are the contenders for this season's College Football Playoff.

While there are plenty of teams obviously positioned to compete for a national championship and potential dark-horse candidates, there are clearly some that have the summer hype train at overcapacity.

Whether it's built off last season's finish or some hyped up additions, there are some squads that have too much excitement to start.

Now, it's not saying they will have a disappointing season. For all we know, they could be playing meaningful football in January. But these teams need to prove something before we can say they deserve the number next to their name.

2. Ohio State

The defending national champions are ranked second and are poised to compete for another title, but there are still so many questions regarding the Buckeyes.

Yes, they have arguably two of the best players on both sides of the ball in receiver Jeremiah Smith and safety Caleb Downs. But Ryan Day has to replenish so much from last season's squad, from installing new coordinators while having to replace veterans at quarterback, running back and both lines of the ball.

The Buckeyes have a top five recruiting class coming into Columbus and some potential stars ready to shine, but they're an extremely unproven team that seems to benefit from winning it all last year. Of course, they can erase all concern when they face top-ranked Texas in the season opener.

15. Ole Miss

Lane Kiffin continues to make Ole Miss a respectable squad in the SEC, but like last year, lofty expectations are being put on a Rebels team that has yet to break through.

The 2024 squad felt like Ole Miss' best yet, but it couldn't avoid traps and missed out on the Playoff. Now Jaxson



Ole Miss quarterback Austin Simmons dives forward as he is tackled by Middle Tennessee defensive back Rickey Smith. PETRE THOMAS/IMAGN IMAGES

Dart and a plethora of talent are gone and Kiffin has to practically rebuild from scratch. He went deep into the transfer portal to replenish the offense, which will be led by sophomore quarterback Austin Simmons. There are holes to fill at receiver and offensive line to keep the high standard established under Dart.

On the plus side, the Rebels have a chance to jump up the rankings with an easy start on the schedule, but it will remain a question whether it is legit until the big games start.

16. SMU

Can the Mustangs repeat magic? SMU had a tremendous run to the College Football Playoff in 2024, but it will take a lot for it to get back into the field.

SMU benefits from Kevin Jennings returning under center, and coach Rhett Lashlee went into the portal to replenish the skill positions that really paved the way for last season's successful run. While the pieces are there, it's worth noting SMU greatly benefited from a relatively easy schedule that avoided the top four teams in the ACC. The schedule in 2025 is much more difficult, with Baylor and TCU in nonconference action and Clemson, Miami and Louisville in conference play.

If SMU can navigate a tougher schedule, it will present a solid argument to the Playoff committee to be back in. But a tougher slate makes it tough for the Mustangs to survive.

18. Tennessee

Despite all of the offseason drama in

Rocky Top, Tennessee has a favorable starting position.

However, coach Josh Heupel has quite the task to keep a high potent offense.

The loss of Nico Iamaleava was not only tough for the Volunteers after guiding them to the Playoff, but it came at a difficult time when there wasn't a wide pool for the Volunteers to look for at signal-caller. They essentially did a swap with UCLA and brought in Joey Aguilar. Could the former Appalachian State quarterback take over the job? A lot of pressure rests on him trying to guide a young offense.

The defense will have to lead.

Tennessee should be a dark-horse contender for the SEC title, but the Volunteers are in the position of what they can do. Right now, it's not a guarantee the Volunteers are contenders. They need to prove something before it should be in the top 20.

23. BYU

Of all the ranked teams, the most questionable one on the list is BYU.

The Cougars fell just short of the Playoff and had a real shot of contending in the Big 12 again. But the outlook drastically changed when Jake Retzlaff departed the team. Now whomever wins the job will have the Cougars rolling with a quarterback who doesn't have significant experience, making it look like they won't be able to replicate the magic from 2024.

There's a good shot BYU starts the season 3-0, but the Big 12 scheduling is daunting by mid-October. Don't be

shocked if the Cougars are just trying to make sure they are bowl eligible.

Receiving votes: Auburn

Twenty-six teams received votes in the poll, and there's no team that has a bigger question mark and spot than Auburn. The Tigers earned 50 points, putting them at No. 32 among teams in the rankings.

Sure, the Tigers had some back luck in 2024, but they still went 5-7, and nothing has shown the program will take a major step forward. The quarterback room has experience but none of them are proven stars, and they're trying to show they can start. Coach Hugh Freeze showed promise with a strong recruiting effort, but he hasn't shown he can put together a winning team yet in his two seasons at Auburn.

US LBM Coaches Poll			
Preseason rank, team (1sts)	Pts	LW	
1 Texas (28)	1606	1	
2 Ohio State (20)	1565	2	
3 Penn State (14)	1525	3	
4 Georgia (3)	1466	4	
5 Notre Dame	1360	5	
6 Clemson (2)	1324	6	
7 Oregon	1307	7	
8 Alabama	1210	8	
9 LSU	1056	9	
10 Miami	823	10	
11 Arizona State	806	11	
12 Illinois	734	12	
13 South Carolina	665	13	
14 Michigan	580	14	
15 Ole Miss	573	15	
16 SMU	555	16	
17 Florida	498	17	
18 Tennessee	492	18	
19 Indiana	460	19	
20 Kansas State	438	20	
21 Texas A&M	392	21	
21 Iowa State	392	21	
23 BYU	287	23	
24 Texas Tech	261	24	
25 Boise State	246	25	
Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 221; Missouri 142; Louisville 126; Southern Cal 116; Utah 86; Baylor 76; Auburn 50; Iowa 49; Memphis 34; Army 33; Tulane 31; Georgia Tech 27; TCU 24; Nebraska 19; Syracuse 16; Washington 15; Navy 14; Arkansas 14; Duke 12; Colorado 12; Minnesota 11; UNLV 8; Florida State 8; Kansas 6; Vanderbilt 3; Buffalo 1.			
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PRESEASON POLL SNUBS

Prominent programs aim to win recognition

Eddie Timanus
USA TODAY

The voters in the preseason US LBM Coaches Poll have weighed in, and the Top 25 is now out for fans and pundits to debate until they actually take the field in a few weeks.

Preseason polls are speculative, of course, and trying to figure out which teams aren't ranked but perhaps should be is even more of a crapshoot.

To further clarify, none of the five teams listed here were truly snubbed, as they were all mentioned on multiple ballots. But here are a few notable programs that will start the season outside the poll but might at some point be ranked.

Oklahoma

Left out of the preseason poll for the first time since 1999, the Sooners nearly gave the SEC a record 10th team in the Top 25, missing the rankings by 25 poll points. Unlike some teams on this list, however, Oklahoma will have ample opportunities to prove its worthiness of receiving poll votes, starting in Week 2 when the Sooners take on No. 14 Michigan. Most of the issues in Norman for the last couple of seasons have been on the offensive side of the ball, so Oklahoma's long-term staying power this season will largely hinge on the performance of transfer quarterback John Mateer.

Utah

Our coaches poll panelists had widely varied opinions on the Utes, ranging from top 10 to off the ballot altogether. Utah can usually be counted on to field a

competent defense, even if coach Kyle Whittingham is nearing the end of a highly successful career. The issue over the last couple of years has been quarterback instability as Cam Rising never was able to get back on the field. The hope is that situation has now been addressed with the arrival of New Mexico transfer Devon Dampier. With several quality teams but no true juggernauts, the Big 12 offers opportunities for improvement.

Iowa

Stop us if you've heard this one before: The Hawkeyes seemingly win eight to 10 games every year and could possibly do even more with just a slight uptick in offensive production. The hopes in Iowa City this year rest with quarterback Mark Gronowski, who arrives after putting up huge numbers at Football Championship Subdivision power South Dakota State. If the defense and kicking game continue to be strengths, watch out.

Georgia Tech

In case you've forgotten – and it seems some of the voters have – this team was just a play away from derailing Georgia in the regular-season finale and causing massive disruptions in the Playoff picture. Unlike the teams noted above, the Yellow Jackets are set at quarterback. Haynes King, whose collegiate career began at Texas A&M, can be one of the top signal-callers in the ACC when healthy, and his backfield mate Jamal Haynes is also back. The issue now is developing more depth around them and coming up with just a few more defensive stops.



Oklahoma running back Jovantae Barnes carries the ball against Ole Miss during a game at Vaught-Hemingway Stadium. PETRE THOMAS/IMAGN IMAGES

Memphis

We could have designated this entry to the entire American Conference, none of whose members got enough support from the voters to make the preseason poll. The Tigers were featured in this space a year ago and did in fact win 11 games but came up short of the con-

ference title. Ryan Silverfield and his staff certainly know how to develop talent, but the offense is in need of a complete rebuild with mainstay QB Seth Henigan and a slew of other starters lost to graduation. The schedule is manageable, however, so Memphis could string together enough wins to pick up a ranking at some point during the season.

SEC whips B1G in rankings, not Playoff



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After an offseason filled with inter-conference propaganda wars, thinly veiled shots and public sniping, the 67 coaches who vote in the US LBM Coaches Poll got to offer one last, private word on which conference is strongest.

The ballots are in: It's the SEC. That's the preseason perception, anyway.

Nine SEC teams are ranked in the preseason coaches poll, compared to six Big Ten teams. Together, the Super Two conferences account for 60% of the Top 25.

The two highest vote-getters among unranked teams also hail from the SEC. Add it up, and coaches widely perceive the SEC as a deep conference.

At the top, Texas ranks as preseason No. 1 nationally for the first time in coaches poll history.

But a Top 25 logjam won't necessarily help the SEC's College Football Playoff hunt.

Here are my five hot takes from the poll:

Poll doesn't give SEC advantage in College Football Playoff

The SEC also put nine teams in the preseason rankings last year but qualified only three teams for the Playoff – one fewer than the Big Ten qualified.

Translation: The SEC's preseason Top 25 blitz does not help its Playoff pursuits. It means the conference schedule can become a battle royale filled with land mines. That unfolded last season, when Alabama and Ole Miss got taken out by teams from the SEC's middle or lower tier.

The Big Ten's cream, like No. 2 Ohio State and No. 3 Penn State, is as sweet as the SEC's. The Big Ten's collective strength tapers off more quickly, though. That can assist the Big Ten's top Playoff contenders.

The Big Ten has fewer ranked teams, but with four positioned inside the top 12, it's as well positioned – if not better positioned – to produce as many or more Playoff qualifiers as the SEC.

Here is an example of what this looks like in practice: No. 12 Illinois will play two teams ranked in the preseason poll. Comparatively, No. 17 Florida will play seven teams ranked in the preseason poll. You'd rather pursue the spot from



Penn State cornerback Audavion Collins celebrates after an interception against Maryland at Beaver Stadium. MATTHEW O'HAREN/IMAGN IMAGES

Illinois' position than Florida's.

If the Playoff doubled in size to 24 teams, the SEC's depth of ranked teams would position it to claim the most bids. With this 12-team Playoff, the Big Ten enjoys solid footing.

Saban factor officially gone from Alabama

Alabama's No. 8 ranking seems appropriate. The Crimson Tide upgraded at wide receiver and in the defensive backfield ahead of Kalen DeBoer's second season, but there's enough question marks to maintain skepticism. Like, will quarterback Ty Simpson go boom or bust?

Nick Saban, because of his track record, could transition to an unproven quarterback without losing the benefit of the doubt. This ranking shows that the rinse-and-repeat respect voters bestowed upon Saban's Alabama in the preseason already has waned since his retirement. It also shows how quickly a team's reputation can go from elite to just pretty good after a coaching change.

Alabama's No. 8 position marks its

lowest preseason ranking since it went unranked in 2008, ahead of Saban's second season.

DeBoer's mission is to get the Tide back into the Playoff – and to restore Alabama's aura.

Pressure is on ... Penn State

There's pressure on Texas and Arch Manning to live up to the hype. That's obvious.

But, No. 3 Penn State also faces a momentous season, with its loftiest preseason ranking since being tapped No. 2 in 1997. That year, Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions kept their No. 2 ranking going into November, until getting trounced by Michigan and finishing 9-3.

Penn State's ranking reflects its possession of highly acclaimed veteran quarterback Drew Allar, plus one of the nation's best backfields. Penn State upgraded its wide receivers through the transfer market.

On both sides of the ball, proven veterans fill Penn State's lineup. Credit James Franklin for elevating the program to this perch. Also, question

whether Franklin can take it to the highest perch.

Penn State's failures in the biggest moments under Franklin are well-documented. He's 0-6 against Ohio State coach Ryan Day.

Fortunately for Franklin, it's possible to win a national championship without beating the Buckeyes, just as it became possible for Day to capture his first national title without beating Michigan.

Penn State enjoys a cushy schedule. Franklin assembled a team good enough to win a national championship, but a history that says he won't.

Big 12 remains more interesting, but less respected, than ACC

No. 6 Clemson gives the ACC a national championship contender, making the Big 12 the only Power Four league that lacks a team in the top 10 – but the conference will be more fun to monitor than the ACC.

The rankings reflect this. Clemson, No. 10 Miami and No. 16 SMU account for the ACC's only ranked teams. I'd be surprised if a team from outside this trio won the ACC. In the Big 12, I struggle to produce a list of teams that absolutely can't win the conference.

The Big 12 tucked five teams inside the Top 25, with several more receiving votes. It remains the nation's most unpredictable conference, after Arizona State won the league last year despite being picked to finish last.

Entertaining though it will be, how much will the selection committee respect the Big 12's anyone-can-beat-anyone nature? Last year, the committee persistently undervalued the conference.

A parity-filled conference like the Big 12 becomes great for entertainment, but the ACC's top teams establishing separation is better for its Playoff hunt.

Coaches poll's overrated, underrated teams

Overrated teams include No. 13 South Carolina, No. 17 Florida and No. 19 Indiana.

Underrated teams include No. 6 Clemson, No. 20 Kansas State, No. 24 Texas Tech, unranked Oklahoma and unranked Baylor.

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Ex-Vols coach is hoping for a W in Georgia



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As the football coach at Tennessee, it often seemed like Derek Dooley was in the wrong business.

Sure, Derek had the right surname and the right resumé to be a head coach in the Southeastern Conference, thanks mostly to his father, Vince, who led Georgia to the national championship in 1980 and whose influence reached across a wide swath of college football.

But when it came time to actually do the job, Derek Dooley – with his coiffed side part, fancy law degree and University of Virginia education – often seemed as if he was cosplaying the role, like he would have fit in better as a professor, an attorney or perhaps even future politician.

“Right now we're like the Germans in World War II,” Dooley said in 2010 as he descended into an infamous soliloquy comparing Tennessee's 2-5 record to the confusion of Nazi forces as the Battle of Normandy began with commanding field marshal Erwin Rommel back in Germany visiting his wife.

“Here comes the boats, it's coming, the binoculars like, ‘Oh my god, the invasion is coming.’ That's what they did. They were in the bunkers. ‘It's coming.’”

“They call Rommel. They can't find Rommel. ‘What do we do? I'm not doing anything until I get orders. Have you gotten Rommel yet?’”

“And the Americans were the exact opposite.”

After that rant, and a few others that went viral for their sheer weirdness, you can understand why a group of young football players didn't respond to him. Dooley was fired after three seasons and a 4-19 SEC record, his legendary incompetence dragging Tennessee's proud program into a cycle of dysfunction that would last nearly a decade.

Now he's got a new job that always



Derek Dooley was 15-21 as Tennessee's football coach and 17-20 in three years before that at Louisiana Tech. MICHAEL PATRICK/KNOXVILLE (TENNESSEE) NEWS SENTINEL

made a lot more sense: running for Senate.

This is not a column about Dooley's politics, which in fact we know very little about other than he's running as a Republican and has a lifelong friendship with Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp, who encouraged him to get in the race. It is also not a column about the viability of his candidacy, either in a primary field or against Democratic incumbent Jon Ossoff.

That's for voters to decide. We'll see how that all plays out over the next year. And, at least in Georgia, we have a recent example of an actual Bulldogs legend in Herschel Walker losing a state-wide race.

Dooley, if he's remembered for anything in Georgia, it's as the coach who

had 13 men on the field for LSU's final snap from the 1-yard line in 2010, handing the Tigers the one extra chance they needed to win.

Out-mangling Les Miles at the end of a game? Now *that* takes some talent.

The point is this: Whereas sports people from Jack Kemp to Tom Osborne to Tommy Tuberville often leverage their athletic or coaching success into political gravitas, it is the fact that Dooley never belonged on a college sideline in the first place that makes his Senate run seem plausible.

How bad was it? He was the first Tennessee coach to lose to Kentucky in 27 years. He lost to Vanderbilt by 23 points, the worst margin in that rivalry since 1954. He was the first Tennessee coach to suffer three consecutive losing

seasons since 1909-11. And in Dooley's 2012 recruiting class, he didn't sign a single offensive lineman. Not one. For an SEC program, it's unheard of.

The Vols paid for that mistake for many years to come. It was one of the most disastrous coaching tenures in SEC history.

Yet anyone who has been around or interacted with Dooley understands he's a man of high intelligence, with a heavyweight education to back it up. He speaks in coherent sentences. He knows history, as he demonstrated with the World War II analogy. He even knows a little bit about infectious diseases, as he revealed in another of his greatest hits.

“We have a few staph infections, so we did a clinic yesterday on proper shower technique and soap and using a rag,” he once told the media. “Y'all think I'm kidding. I'm serious. We have the worst shower discipline of any team I've ever been around, so we talked about application of soap to the rag and making sure you hit all your body. You can neglect it trying to cut corners and it shows in how you practice and elsewhere.”

It's a fair point to make. But as with so many of these Dooley tangents that made him the butt of jokes around the SEC, his instinct to show the world he was the smartest guy in the room would have been more useful coaching Tennessee's debate team than its football program.

Still, it's hard to say Dooley made the wrong choice when he left a prestigious Atlanta law firm in 1996 to join the family business. As successful as he probably would have been in any other field, Tennessee paid him \$5 million just to go away.

Dooley never seemed like he belonged in the SEC, but now he's re-emerged to test the theory he'll be more adept at a different bare-knuckle sport than the one that takes place on Saturdays in the fall. We'll see soon whether Georgia voters agree or Dooley's home state puts one more L on his resumé.

LIFELINE



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THEY SAID WHAT? MATT RIFE

“This is the most random hobby ever. ... I should probably collect stamps or something. It might be a little safer.” – Matt Rife in an Instagram video revealing he has purchased the home of the late Ed and Lorraine Warren, the paranormal investigators who inspired “The Conjuring” horror films. The comedian will be a caretaker of Annabelle, the supposedly possessed doll depicted in the “Annabelle” movies.



IT’S YOUR BIRTHDAY WHO’S CELEBRATING TODAY

Vera Farmiga is 52. M. Night Shyamalan is 55. Michelle Yeoh is 63.

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Aries (March 21-April 19). To challenge, or to compromise? This is your dilemma as Mars enters Libra and your zone of partnerships.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). Working hard, or hardly working? Mars’ entrance to harmony-oriented Libra asks you to find the balance.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). What’s your next romantic move? If you wait for someone to come to you, you could be waiting awhile...

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Fighting for peace at home? As Mars enters Libra, consider others’ needs. Everyone’s criteria for comfort are different.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You’re so busy, but are you GETTING anywhere? While Mars is in Libra, avoid getting drawn into others’ agendas.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What determines your worth? That question can get confusing with Mars in Libra.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Making an impression? Mars enters Libra today, granting you an aura of capability, confidence, and sex appeal.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Keeping a low profile? Your energy levels are at a simmer while Mars moves through Libra.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To lead or to follow? Mars’ entrance to Libra asks you to step up and take charge, diplomatically!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Being professionally proactive? With Mars in Libra, your motto is “give the people what they want”!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Fighting for a good cause? With Mars and Libra, you’ll catch more flies with honey than vinegar!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). What is yours and what is theirs? The line may not be so clear-cut as Mars moves through Libra.

MUSIC



The Backstreet Boys is the first pop music act to headline the Sphere in Las Vegas. The band’s residency began July 11 and runs through Aug. 24. BRIAN ZIFF FOR BACKSTREET BOYS

Millennial nostalgia on tour

The ‘TRL’ era bands you can see now

Melissa Ruggieri USA TODAY

The decade-long run of MTV’s “Total Request Live” didn’t merely unveil videos. ● It shaped a generation of music fans collectively, in a way likely done for the last time. ● The days of rushing to the TV on weekday afternoons, hearts thumping in anticipation of host Carson Daly counting down a lineup of slickly produced music videos from Britney Spears, Christina Aguilera, Good Charlotte, Eve, Eminem, Blink-182, Destiny’s Child and a parcel of boy bands disappeared when the internet and social media seized attention spans. ● That original 1998-2008 run is a bygone era for millennials, the latest generation forced to accept the dissolution of a musical rite of passage.

But the nature of pop culture is cyclical, and those whose raging hormones fueled the popularity of these artists in the late-’90s through mid-’00s are now inching toward middle age, with families and careers and the urge to look back.

It’s a good thing plenty of artists are complying with major tours and residencies this summer.

Backstreet Boys

When they debuted, the Florida-based quintet was billed as a cross between New Kids on the Block and Boyz II Men – unabashed hunks with harmonies. But what Nick Carter, Kevin Richardson, Brian Littrell, AJ McLean and Howie Dorough created was a boy band tsunami for a new generation. Their pol-

ished pop anthems, distinct personalities and coordinated dance moves drafted the blueprint followed by the equally mega-successful *NSYNC, along with 98 Degrees, LFO, BBMak, B2K and many other acts fond of acronyms and numbers. The ’90s-era mania that followed BSB returns this summer when their diehard flock squeals its way through their visually arresting residency at the Las Vegas Sphere.

Songs you’ll hear: “As Long As You Love Me,” “I Want It That Way,” “Quit Playing Games (With My Heart)”

Tour dates: Through Aug. 24

Jonas Brothers

It seems a lifetime ago that the trio of Joe, Nick and Kevin Jonas reveled in Disney Channel love and brought their floppy-haired charm to a cover of British band Busted’s “Year 3000” in 2007. Sibling rivalry and desires to experiment with music less confined than their gleaming, efficient pop led to a decade-long professional break. But since returning in 2019 with “Happiness Begins,” the JoBros have been “Burnin’ Up”

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STREAMING

‘Yogurt Shop Murders’ detective ‘confident’ he’ll solve cold case

Erin Jensen USA TODAY

In 1991, four teenage girls were killed at a frozen yogurt shop in Austin, then roughly half the size the booming city is now.

Eliza Thomas, 17, Amy Ayers, 13, and sisters Jennifer Harbison, 17, and Sarah Harbison, 15, were shot at I Can’t Believe It’s Yogurt!, formerly in North Austin. The bodies were then set on fire. Nearly 34 years later, the case remains unsolved, and the person or people responsible walk free, if they’re even alive.

The grisly crime, its effect on the victims’ families and the decadeslong search for the perpetrator are chronicled in HBO’s four-part docuseries, “The Yogurt Shop Murders,” which premiered Aug. 3 (weekly Sundays, 10 ET/PT). Academy Award-winning actor Emma Stone and her husband, Dave McCary, are executive producers of the project, directed by Margaret Brown.

Reese Price, the shop’s manager, recalls the horror of identifying the girls so their families wouldn’t have to. Price



Det. Dan Jackson, of Austin’s cold case unit, is confident he will solve the case of the yogurt shop murders. PROVIDED BY HBO

was just 24 at the time. “There wasn’t anything there to identify,” she remembers in the docuseries. “Fire is very destructive. It’s not forgiving.”

Archival footage puts viewers at the yogurt shop on the night of the killings, and Brown says there are “characters in our show (who) have never talked to

anyone else, and we have some facts in our show that have never been explored.”

“These people went through something so specifically awful, but I do think there’s something in that for everyone.

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MOVIES

The real science behind the zero-gravity birth in ‘Fantastic Four’

Kelly Lawler and Patrick Ryan
USA TODAY

Spoiler alert! The following story contains major plot details about “The Fantastic Four: First Steps” (now in theaters).

As Sue Storm, Vanessa Kirby gets to turn invisible and generate force fields to save the world from a cosmic giant.

But in Marvel’s “The Fantastic Four: First Steps,” her most heroic feat just might be giving birth in zero gravity.

Midway through the film, a very pregnant Sue ventures into space with her husband, Reed (Pedro Pascal), brother Johnny (Joseph Quinn) and friend Ben (Ebon Moss-Bachrach) to confront Galactus (voiced by Ralph Ineson) and his fierce minion, the Silver Surfer (Julia Garner). As luck would have it, she goes into labor just as Galactus threatens to destroy the Earth if they don’t hand over their then-unborn son, Franklin.

The superheroes run back to the ship, where Sue starts to have contractions. Between contractions, she uses her powers to make the vessel invisible to hide it from the villains. While Johnny is off trying to kill the Silver Surfer, Ben stands at the foot of her makeshift delivery table to catch the baby, and Reed holds his wife down so she is able to push.

Though it’s nowhere near as traumatic as Kirby’s birth scene in her Oscar-nominated “Pieces of a Woman,” it’s still an incredibly intense moment as our heroes try to deliver the newborn in fraught circumstances. And according to experts, the movie’s depiction of zero-



Reed Richards (Pedro Pascal), left, and wife Sue Storm (Vanessa Kirby) aim to keep their newborn son Franklin (Ada Scott) safe from the menacing Galactus in Marvel’s “The Fantastic Four: First Steps.” PROVIDED BY MARVEL STUDIOS

ro-gravity birth isn’t far from the truth.

“Labor and delivery is not dependent on gravity, so births would be expected to occur without gravity,” says Dr. Hugh Taylor, chair of the department of obstetrics, gynecology and reproductive sciences at the Yale School of Medicine.

Nonetheless, he says, “there are many aspects to consider. Movement cannot be well controlled, and positioning may be difficult. Movement of the baby or maneuvering the baby to aid in delivery could set the mom moving rather than the baby. The mom would need to be held in place. Strapping down

the mom and any health care providers would be necessary. Amniotic fluid, blood and other bodily fluids would fill the room rather than drain to the floor. On the brighter side, no one would ever have to worry about dropping the baby!”

Taylor is not aware of any humans or animals that have actually been born in space. But if it were to happen, he says the biggest problem would be cosmic radiation, as well as a lack of resources to care for the infant after it’s born.

“The developing fetus is more sensitive to radiation, and there may be a greater risk of pregnancy loss or prob-

lems in development,” Taylor says. “There are not likely to be medical units to care for newborns in space. Without the advanced care such as NICUs, some babies would be in jeopardy. Normal development after birth is far more dependent on gravity; this would clearly affect the growth and development of the baby. I would be more worried about the baby than the delivery.”

In short, what you see in “The Fantastic Four” is “feasible, and could occur,” Taylor says. “However, I would not recommend it. It would not be optimal for the baby’s health.”

Tours

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the charts while collaborating with Diplo (“Lonely”), Marshmello (“Leave Before You Love Me”) and Karol G (“X”). Next up is their “Greetings From Your Hometown” album, scheduled for an Aug. 8 release, and an arena and amphitheater tour will carry fans through their sonic evolution.

Songs you’ll hear: “Year 3000,” “Sucker,” “Leave Before You Love Me”
Tour dates: Aug. 10-Nov. 14

Lady Gaga

When she roared onto the scene in 2008 with “Just Dance,” Lady Gaga piqued curiosity. Was she a Madonna for the aughts? Was she a Cyndi Lauper acolyte with those undeniable pipes that were sometimes overshadowed by her flamboyant style? Was she a three-hit wonder after “Poker Face” and “Paparazzi” maintained her initial chart appeal? Turns out she was a little bit of everyone yet completely distinctive, her stardom solidified with 2011’s “Born This Way” with a title track that became a hymn of inclusivity. The Mayhem Ball tour, titled to insinuate the flashy festivities on stage, follows 2022’s “The Chromatica Ball” and provides another sharp-edged playground for the “Art-pop” queen.

Songs you’ll hear: “Born This Way,” “Bad Romance,” “Abracadabra”
Tour dates: Through Oct. 4

Oasis

It’s the most unlikely reunion this side of Led Zeppelin, yet Noel and Liam Gallagher have so far pulled it off. The mercurial siblings, who parted ways professionally in 2009 after years of public outbursts that became predict-

able and a bit tiresome, returned July 4 with swagger intact. Undeniably the mightiest monarchs of Britpop in its mid-’90s zenith, Oasis can be criticized for allowing chemically-fueled tantrums to define their celebrity, but their assured, Beatles-shaded rock remains supreme.

Songs you’ll hear: “Roll With It,” “Wonderwall,” “Champagne Supernova”
Tour dates: (In North America) Aug. 24-Sept. 13

Nelly

In the midst of the boy band surge came the liquid-rhymer from St. Louis, who brought his original crew, the St. Lunatics along for a zip to the top of the charts with his 2000 debut album, “Country Grammar.” With his omnipresent shades and frequently bare torso, Nelly was a cool character who blanketed MTV and Top 40 radio with his pop-rap singalongs “E.I.,” “Ride Wit Me” and the breakthrough title track from his debut album. When his club banger “Hot in Herre” arrived in 2002, Nelly’s brand of mainstream rap was so trendy that it earned him the first-ever best male rap solo performance Grammy Award.

Songs you’ll hear: “Hot in Herre,” “Country Grammar,” “Ride Wit Me”
Tour dates: July 23-Sept. 19

Katy Perry

Her 2008 major label debut, “One of the Boys,” definitely altered Katy Perry’s career from her contemporary Christian roots to “I Kissed a Girl,” her sly slice of glossy pop that delivered her first No. 1 hit. That debut also boasted “Waking Up in Vegas” and “Hot n Cold,” confectionary delights that allowed her to sonically experiment on her follow-up two years later with “Teenage Dream.” The sumptuous collection of smashes – “California Gurls” with Snoop Dogg,



Rapper Nelly performs at the Ohio State Fair on July 30, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio.

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“Last Friday Night (T.G.I.F.)” and “Firework” among them – landed Perry her biggest-selling album and solidified her standing as a pop queen who could brandish an innocuous headband with cat ears while slipping teasing innuendo into her songs while no one was watching.

Songs you’ll hear: “California Gurls,” “Teenage Dream,” “I Kissed a Girl”
Tour dates: (In North America) Through Aug. 23

The All-American Rejects

With their debut single “Swing, Swing” and platinum, self-titled 2002 debut album, the Tyson Ritter-fronted group gained popularity for its cheeky pop-rock with an undercurrent of sneer. They danced through the charts for a solid six years with albums “Move Along” and “When the World Comes Down.” This year, knowing a comeback would require innovation in the complicated, fragmented music landscape, the band started playing free “House Party” concerts in barns, bowling alleys, backyards and anywhere fans on social media summoned them. They’ll return to bigger stages this summer opening for the Jonas Brothers.

Songs you’ll hear: “Dirty Little Secret,” “Swing, Swing,” “Gives You Hell”
Tour dates: Aug. 10-Nov. 14

Creed

The ’90s juggernaut of faceless alt-rock-post-grunge bands – Puddle of Mudd, Nickelback, Staind, Candlebox – produced the kind of scorn previously reserved for disco and hair metal. Creed, fronted by the earnest Scott Stapp, he of booming voice and sculpted pecs, seemed to (unfairly or not) bear the heaviest antipathy. But the band was vindicated in 2024 with a summer tour that defied industry expectations with 60 sold-out amphitheater and arena shows that sold more than 800,000 tickets. Their well-earned victory lap this summer confirms that nostalgia hits hard.

Songs you’ll hear: “My Own Prison,” “With Arms Wide Open,” “Higher”
Tour dates: Through Aug. 30

Linkin Park

By the time “In the End,” the fourth single from the band’s 2000 debut “Hybrid Theory,” became a Top 10 smash worldwide, the band from Agoura Hills, California, had already been together for nearly half a decade. Their mishmash of electronic rock, metal and rap was both angry and thoughtful, but it was the unleashed vocals of frontman Chester Bennington that conveyed the angst of the generation. Linkin Park went on hiatus after Bennington died by suicide in 2017, but returned in 2024 with singer Emily Armstrong joining co-founders Mike Shinoda and Brad Delson. The band’s “From Zero” album and hit single “The Emptiness Machine” signified their return with a rumble.

Songs you’ll hear: “What I’ve Done,” “In the End,” “The Emptiness Machine”
Tour dates: (In North America) July 29-Sept. 24

Detective

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We’re all going to experience pain, and I felt like for me, this was a way to look at this fascinating case, at the same time an exploration of how do people deal with something this hard, (and) what can we learn from that?”

Brown remembers when she moved to Austin in the late 1990s, when she says billboards asking for information on the case plastered the skyline. One of the reasons she signed on for the project is “because a lot of my friends who are crime reporters said this is the most interesting crime that exists,” Brown says in an interview. “There’s not one with more rabbit holes. This is the mother ship of interesting crime.”

Rumors linger in the city like Texas summer heat, Brown says. “Before I talked to you, some woman wrote me on Instagram (saying) she solved it,” Brown

says. “I think that people are obsessed with it.”

In 2022, Detective Dan Jackson was assigned the case on his first day with the Austin Police Department’s cold case unit. Jackson, 45, who was raised about 30 miles southwest of Austin in San Marcos, remembers hearing about the murders as a child.

“It’s such a huge case,” Jackson tells USA TODAY. “I sort of knew at that point I would be with it forever.”

When asked about why the case remains open today, Jackson points to the crime scene and potential evidence scorched by fire and drenched by hoses that extinguished the blaze.

Two men were found guilty in connection to the crimes. Robert Springsteen received a death sentence in 2001 for killing Ayers, and Michael Scott was sentenced to life for the death of Ayers the following year.

But their convictions were overturned.

Scott and Springsteen declined to be

in the docuseries, Brown says. But Springsteen is captured in footage filmed for another project around 2009. Springsteen shocks a sales associate helping him find clothes for an interview and court when he says, “I’m sure you probably think it’s really funny, but we’re doing a documentary because I just got off death row.”

A DNA sample from the crime scene belongs to neither Scott nor Springsteen. Jackson hopes to build a profile from the sample that leads him to a suspect.

“One of the things that we want the public to know is that this case is active,” he says. “It’s constantly worked on.”

And Jackson remains optimistic as forensic technology continues to improve.

“If I didn’t think I could solve it, then why get up every day?” he says. “I think that with new technology, new information that we have – that I can’t go into – even since I’ve taken the case over, the

ability to do more with less when it comes to forensics is light-years ahead than it was a few years ago. When I started, we needed a certain amount (of DNA). We weren’t even close to it, but that amount that you need is so much less now.

“I am confident that I will solve this.”

He also hopes the docuseries could lead to the tip that cracks open the case.

“Somebody out there knows something,” he says. “That’s one of the things with cold cases. ... You do get people over time that, for whatever reason, may not have been willing to come forward years ago that now feel more comfortable. Or they thought it was something small and didn’t ever say anything, and they’re like ‘Well, maybe I should call in this time and mention it.’

“Who knows? It could be the break we need.”

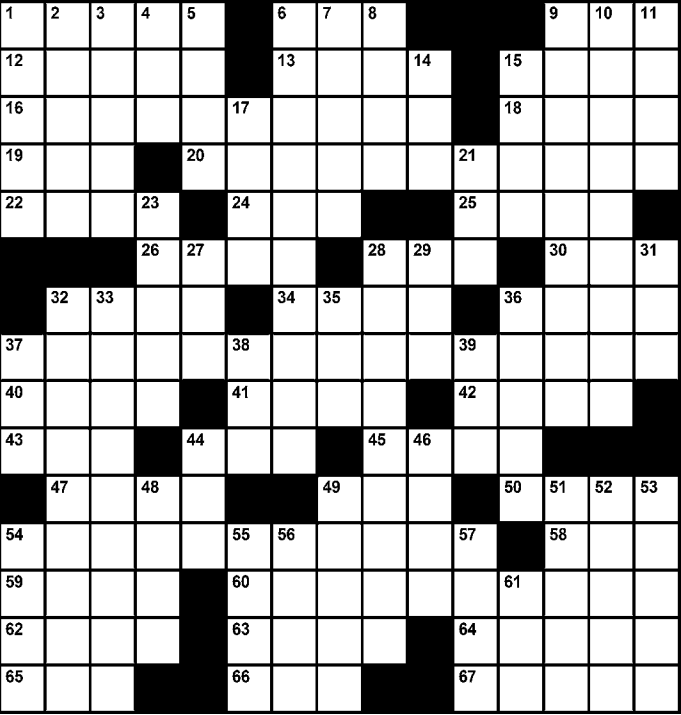
If you have any information about the case, visit austincrimestoppers.org or send an email to yogurtshop@aus-tintexas.gov.

USA TODAY CROSSWORD

EDITED Amie Walker
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MY STARS!
(FREESTYLE)

- ACROSS
- 1 Crockpot meals
- 6 "That's the spot!"
- 9 Scoring stat for Caitlin Clark
- 12 The Polar Express, for one
- 13 Film genre that's an anagram of an element
- 15 "___ the Explorer"
- 16 Fitness practice involving hammocks
- 18 "Works for me"
- 19 Milk qty.
- 20 "You startled me!"
- 22 Eyelid irritation
- 24 ___ and outs
- 25 Jeans edges
- 26 Pride member's pride
- 28 Helium or hydrogen
- 30 Cooking liquid
- 32 Speaker's platform
- 34 Modify
- 36 ___ in a lifetime
- 37 "I'M GONNA LOSE IT!"
- 40 Poet Juana ___ de la Cruz
- 41 Arthur ___ Stadium
- 42 Lots and lots
- 43 "Oh, another thing," in a text
- 44 Opposite of post-
- 45 43,560 square feet
- 47 One-named soccer star
- 49 Hullabaloo
- 50 Minor complaints to "pick"
- 54 Attracted lots of attention, say
- 58 Leia's love interest
- 59 Privy to
- 60 Symbol in an "I love you" text
- 62 "Jurassic Park" creature, for short
- 63 Merit
- 64 Super speedy
- 65 Snow cone ingredient
- 66 One of four for Jedi hunter General Grievous
- 17 Pork cut



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DOWN

- 1 Deer old dads?
- 2 Pet's reward
- 3 Like an eager party guest, perhaps
- 4 WarioWare: Smooth Moves console
- 5 Unexpected problem
- 6 "Who dares challenge me next?"
- 7 Features of cobras
- 8 Word before "jump" or "horse"
- 9 Mobile game in which you might "catch" Pikachu
- 10 Laverne Cox or Elliot Page
- 11 Utters
- 14 "Barbie" actor Issa
- 15 Bird symbolizing peace
- 17 Pork cut

- 21 Scary TV show with a season titled "Delicate"
- 23 Radiates
- 27 Campfire residue
- 28 Care
- 29 Enjoyed some gimbap, say
- 31 Went first
- 32 "Stay calm!"
- 33 "Got anything more for us?"
- 35 Homer Simpson's "Silly me!"
- 36 Frequently
- 37 Little lie
- 38 Place for an AirPod
- 39 Rowing tool
- 44 Wasabi ___ (spicy snack bit)
- 46 Damage, so to speak
- 48 Fallon's predecessor on "The Tonight Show"

- 49 It might be snoozed
- 51 "Fingers crossed!"
- 52 Zesty spice mix
- 53 Like a rude remark
- 54 Skirt length between mini and maxi
- 55 ___ butter
- 56 Anjou fruit
- 57 ___ and ___ towels
- 61 Apple computer

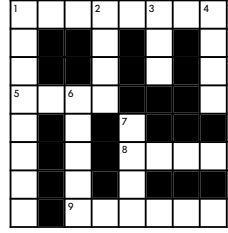
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- Across
1. 88647836
5. 5323
8. 4766
9. 642535
- Down
1. 84255486
2. 4653
3. 846
4. 6366
6. 27466
7. 9462

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Today's theme
Elements



Use the phone keypad to decode the clues.
For example: 2 could be A, B or C... and 5678 could be LOST

Yesterday's solution

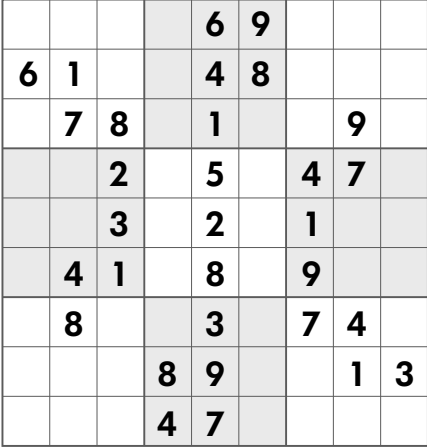
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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 (no repeats).



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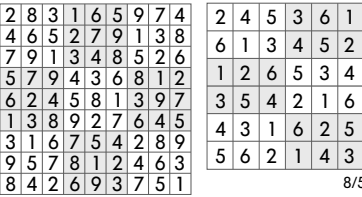
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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x2 box contains the numbers 1 through 6 (no repeats).



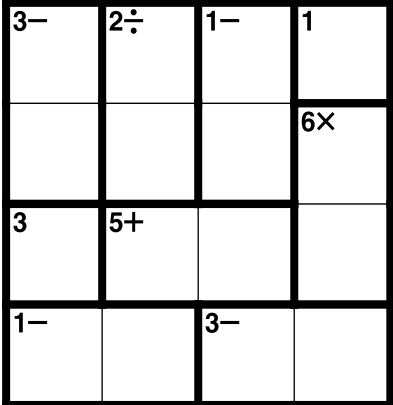
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Tuesday's Answers



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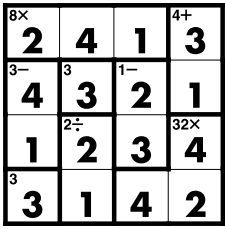
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1. Each row and column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 without repeating.

2. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.

3. Freebies: fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

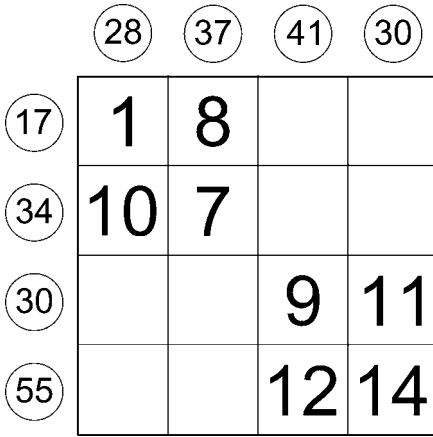
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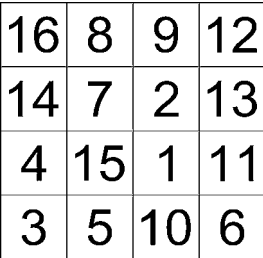
KUBOK 16

By Davide Coppo

Difficulty: MEDIUM



Solution to Tuesday's puzzle



Enter the missing numbers from 1 to 16 without repetitions so that the sum of the four numbers in each row and column is the same as the corresponding circled number.

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Words

WORD ROUNDUP

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Find and Circle:

- Five mountain chains
- Four pieces of furniture
- Three South American countries
- Three four-letter units of length
- Three-syllable water-loving bird

Tuesday's answer: CLOUDY STORMY RAINY SUNNY WINDY HAZY / NAVAL CRIMINAL SERVICE / COVE GULF POND / OLIVER STONE / FRENCH



UP & DOWN WORDS

By David L. Hoyt and Russell L. Hoyt

1. WICKED

- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.

Tuesday's Answer

- FRESH AIR FORCE PLAY BASEBALL BAT NEXT
- AIR FORCE PLAY BASEBALL BAT NEXT GENERATION

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ACROSS

- 1 "The ___ of Wall Street"
- 5 Venue
- 10 ___ of Wight
- 14 Vanishing lake in Asia
- 15 Compare
- 16 At hand
- 17 Lawn care item
- 18 Pirate's directive
- 19 Partly (Prefix)
- 20 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 22 Craftsman
- 24 Young equine
- 26 SWAT team action
- 27 Innkeeper
- 31 Heartfelt entreaties
- 34 Simian
- 35 Jacob's twin brother
- 36 ___ and true
- 38 Future
- 40 Journeys
- 43 Beverage in cans
- 44 Tiny amount
- 46 Lunch hour
- 48 Permit
- 49 Savory jelly
- 51 Foolproof
- 53 Health clubs
- 55 "___ 911!"

DOWN

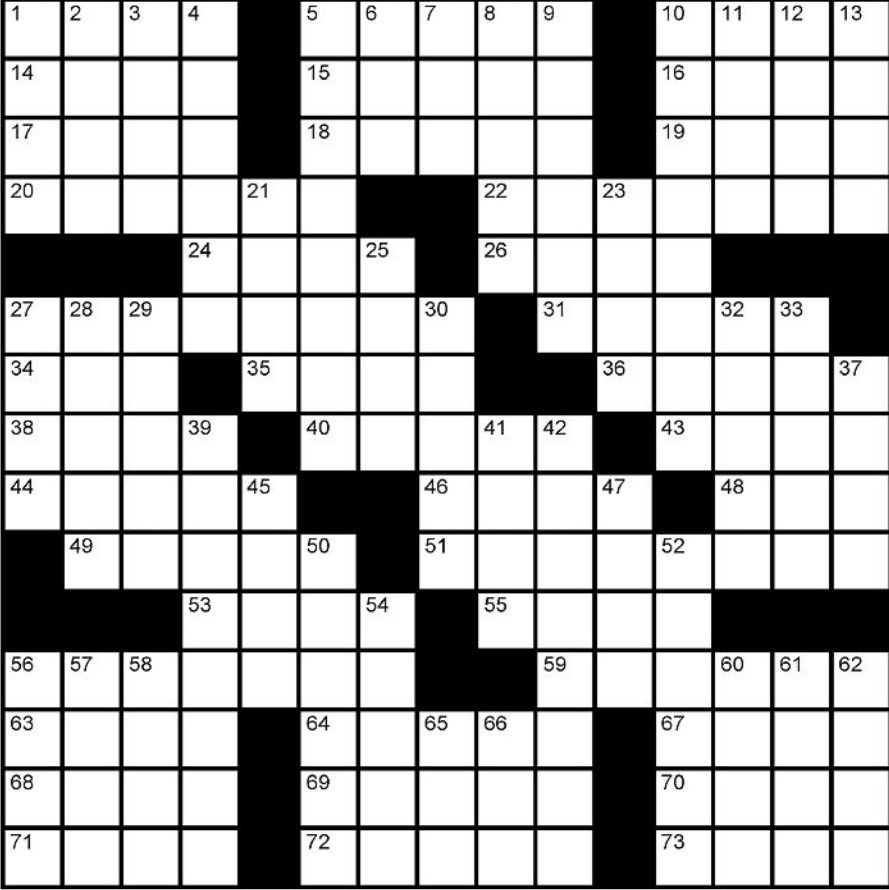
- 56 Actress — McCarthy
- 59 "Moby-Dick" author — Melville
- 63 Ohio lake
- 64 Thick soup
- 67 Additional
- 68 Gets older
- 69 WWII plane — Gay
- 70 Use a blue pencil
- 71 At sea
- 72 Fanatical
- 73 Cincinnati baseball team
- 1 Armed conflicts
- 2 Surgeon type
- 3 Salt — City
- 4 Swindle
- 5 Songs to be broadcast
- 6 Actress — Tyler
- 7 Alias (Abbr.)
- 8 "Dog Whisperer" — Millan
- 9 Capture
- 10 Those in the know
- 11 Witnesses
- 12 Dalai —
- 13 Ireland
- 21 Northernmost region

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED



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- 23 Lean
- 25 Salty drop
- 27 Suspend
- 28 Musical drama
- 29 Lone Star State
- 30 Find at a dig site
- 32 Garlic and oil sauce
- 33 Passover meal
- 37 Meeting
- 39 Most inebriated
- 41 Rain hard
- 42 One with a grudge
- 45 Bites
- 47 Hawaiian goose
- 50 — the Friendly Ghost
- 52 One-time
- 54 Steam bath
- 56 Expense report item
- 57 Therefore
- 58 Falsehoods
- 60 Pie a la —
- 61 Like a desert
- 62 Seines
- 65 Steal from
- 66 Pharmaceutical giant — Lilly



7 LITTLE WORDS

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

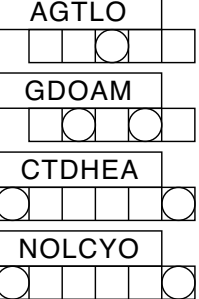
- CLUES
- 1 deep thankfulness (9)
- 2 jigsaw or crossword (6)
- 3 in a highly controlled way (8)
- 4 taking the plunge (6)
- 5 one learning to fly (9)
- 6 Schroedinger, for one (9)
- 7 wear down (6)
- SOLUTIONS



Tuesday's Answers: 1. EXPLORING 2. TRAILERS 3. CLAYS 4. ICICLE 5. NORTHERN 6. MALODOROUS 7. FALSEHOOD

JUMBLE

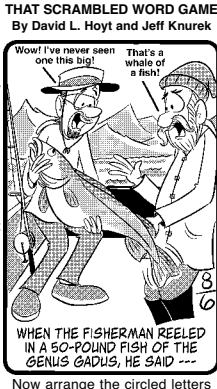
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



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Answer here:

Yesterday's Jumbles: CURVE FLUID UNSURE FIGURE
Answer: The dogs were finally finished with their fight and were back to being — FRIENDS "FUR-EVER"



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

THEATER

‘Stranger Things’ Broadway star Louis McCartney says he reads ‘every review’

Ralphie Aversa USA TODAY

NEW YORK – Louis McCartney, who plays the tormented Henry Creel in “Stranger Things: The First Shadow” on Broadway, admits he sometimes lives in the comments. The actor says he reads “every review.” Then he takes it a step further.

“I also read the Reddit reviews because those (writers) are the real ‘Stranger Things’ fans,” McCartney, 22, tells USA TODAY. “Somebody said that



McCartney

my epileptic fit (in the play) looked too stiff. I can sit here and say, ‘No, I worked on that for months and I don’t think it is stiff,’ but I said, ‘What if it is?’ I’m always looking for better ways to do it.”

McCartney realizes seeking feedback and affirmation can be a “double-edged sword” when it comes to acting. He recalls a conversation with his father, Michael, a screenwriter, after earning a Tony Award nomination for his performance.

“(My dad) was like, ‘Great job. So proud of you. But don’t take your foot off the pedal,’” McCartney remembers. “‘Keep going.’”

McCartney’s dream is work with his father on a film for which they both win Oscars. His mother, Ruth, a holistic medium, also encouraged him to pursue acting.

“(My mom) deals with the universe, and I’m very spiritual myself,” the actor says. “I attribute her to a lot of my personality and the way I approach problems and deal with stress. She’s a cool mom.”

How the ‘Stranger Things’ TV cast responded to Broadway show

“Stranger Things: The First Shadow” serves as a prequel to the hit Netflix series. McCartney portrays Creel, the main antagonist eventually known as Vecna. The actor praises the TV cast and crew, including Jamie Campbell Bower, who



Victor (T.R. Knight), left, Henry (Louis McCartney) and Virginia Creel (Rosie Benton) are in search of a new start as “The First Shadow” begins. PROVIDED BY MATTHEW MURPHY AND EVAN ZIMMERMAN

plays Vecna on the show.

“I literally have never had a moment where I’ve sat there and been like, ‘Oh, you don’t like us,’” McCartney says. “These guys have been going for 10 years now. We’ve been running for two years. It’s nothing comparably.

“We feel every right to be like, ‘We’re part of the “Stranger Things” family now.’ And (the TV cast has) catapulted that. They’ve been really nice, especially Jamie.”

“First Shadow” began on London’s

West End before moving to Broadway. McCartney says he has yet to meet Millie Bobby Brown because she has been “busy Season 5-ing,” but “pretty much everybody” has come to see the show.

As for McCartney’s next steps, he says he does not make an appearance in the fifth and final season of the Netflix series, which begins streaming Nov. 26. The Broadway gig marks McCartney’s first time in the United States, and he’s enjoyed exploring New York City with his girlfriend. Even on show days, the ac-

tor will venture to SoHo, Brooklyn or Ellis Island. He lives near Central Park, which has also proved a nice respite from the city.

“I’ve been doing watercolor,” he says. “I’ve been like just trying to wake up and have a good time and have a day before the show, not live for the show.”

McCartney says that eventually he makes his way to the theater and “locks in” for his show, which is probably helpful given that he’ll eventually read a review or comment about it.



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Russian President Vladimir Putin is skeptical that more U.S. sanctions will have much of an impact. MIKHAIL METZEL/SPUTNIK/POOL VIA REUTERS

DEADLINE LOOMING

Putin doubts potency of Trump’s ultimatum, sources say

Darya Korsunskaya, Andrew Osborn and Mark Trevelyan
REUTERS

MOSCOW – Russian President Vladimir Putin is unlikely to bow to a sanctions ultimatum expiring Aug. 8 from President Donald Trump, and retains the goal of capturing four regions of Ukraine in their entirety, sources close to the Kremlin told Reuters.

Trump has threatened to hit Russia with new sanctions and impose 100% tariffs on countries that buy its oil – of which the biggest are China and India – unless Putin agrees to a ceasefire in Russia’s war in Ukraine.

Putin’s determination to keep going is prompted by his belief that Russia is winning and by skepticism that yet more U.S. sanctions will have much of an impact after successive waves of economic penalties during more than three years of war, according to three sources familiar with discussions in the Kremlin.

The Russian leader does not want to anger Trump, and he realizes that he may be spurning a chance to improve relations with Washington and the West, but his war goals take precedence, two of the sources said. Putin’s goal is to fully capture the Ukrainian regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson, which Russia has claimed as its own, and then to talk about a peace agreement, one of the sources said.

“If Putin were able to fully occupy those four regions which he has claimed for Russia, he could claim that his war in Ukraine had reached his objectives,” said James Rodgers, author of the forthcoming book “The Return of Russia.”

The current talks process, in which Russian and Ukrainian negotiators have met three times since May, was an attempt by Moscow to convince Trump that Putin was not rejecting peace, the first source said, adding that the talks were devoid of real substance apart from discussions on humanitarian exchanges.



A municipal worker cleans at a railway station that was damaged during a Russian drone strike in Lozova, Ukraine, on Aug. 5. SOFIA GATILOVA/REUTERS

Ukrainian and Western military sources acknowledge that Russia is making gains, but only gradually and with heavy casualties.

Russia says it is serious about agreeing on a long-term peace in the negotiations but that the process is complicated because the two sides’ stances are so far apart. Putin last week described the talks as positive.

Moscow’s stated demands include a full Ukrainian withdrawal from the four regions and acceptance by Kyiv of neutral status and limits on the size of its military – demands rejected by Ukraine.

In a sign that there may yet be an opportunity to strike a deal before the

deadline, Trump’s special envoy Steve Witkoff is expected to visit Russia this week, following an escalation in rhetoric between Trump and Moscow over risks of nuclear war. On Aug. 5, Russia said it was no longer bound by a moratorium on short- and medium-range nuclear missiles.

The Kremlin did not respond to a request for comment for this story. All the sources spoke to Reuters on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation.

Trump, who in the past has praised Putin and held out the prospect of lucrative business deals between their two countries, has lately expressed growing impatience with the Russian president. He has described Russia’s relentless bombing of Kyiv and other Ukrainian cities as “disgusting.”

The Kremlin has said it noted Trump’s statements but it has declined to respond to them.

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Execs facing rise in threats

Companies spend record amounts on protection

Ross Kerber and Isla Binnie
REUTERS

U.S. companies are spending record amounts to keep their executives safe in response to rising threats and the killings of two high-profile corporate officials in separate attacks in Manhattan over the last eight months.

Corporations have doubled the number of plain-clothed security teams outside buildings in New York City since a shooting last week in which four people were killed, said Glen Kucera, president of the enhanced protection services unit at Allied Universal, a security and facilities services firm.

“It’s unspeakable. I never knew anyone who was murdered,” said Rich Friedman, chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, who previously worked with one of the victims, Blackstone executive Wesley LePatner.

Her death shook Wall Street, even though authorities believe her killing was a random event. Police said the shooter was targeting the headquarters of the National Football League, which is housed in the same building in the Midtown area of Manhattan where LePatner worked.

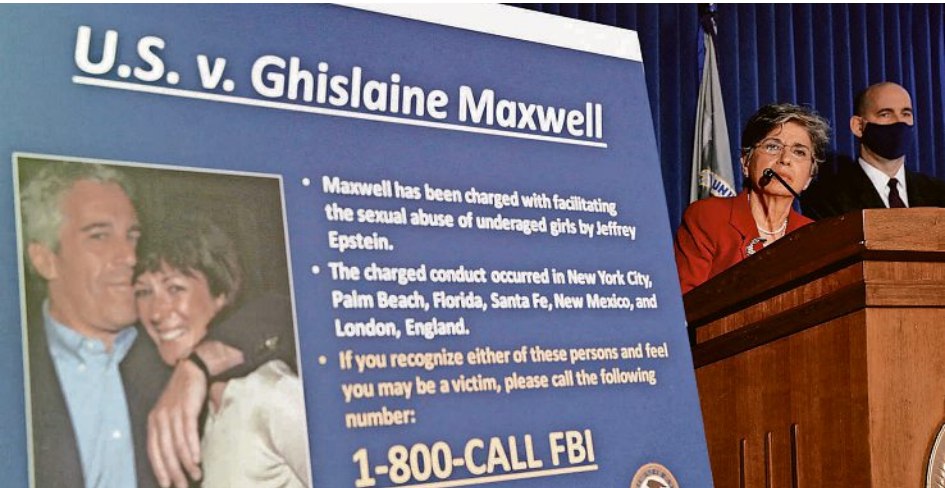
The shooter also killed a New York City police officer, a building security guard and an employee at real estate company Rudin before turning the gun on himself. The attack was “shocking and hits very close to home,” Citigroup spokesperson Ed Skyler said in a note

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Law enforcement officers work at the scene where UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson was shot and killed in Midtown Manhattan on Dec. 4. SHANNON STAPLETON/REUTERS FILE

Maxwell opposes release of grand jury materials



Ghislaine Maxwell was convicted in 2021 of helping Jeffrey Epstein sexually abuse teenage girls. LUCAS JACKSON/REUTERS FILE

Lawyers say it would harm potential retrial

Luc Cohen
REUTERS

NEW YORK – Ghislaine Maxwell, the former girlfriend of the late financier Jeffrey Epstein who was convicted in 2021 of helping him sexually abuse teenage girls, said on Aug. 5 she opposed the U.S. government’s bid to release transcripts of proceedings before the grand jury that indicted her.

In a court filing, Maxwell’s lawyers said the release of the materials would jeopardize a potential retrial if she succeeds in persuading the U.S. Supreme

Court to overturn her conviction. She is serving a 20-year prison sentence.

“The reputational harm from releasing incomplete, potentially misleading grand jury testimony, untested by cross-examination, would be severe and irrevocable,” her lawyers wrote.

President Donald Trump in July instructed Attorney General Pam Bondi to seek the release of the Epstein and Maxwell grand jury material, as he sought to quell discontent from his base of conservative supporters and congressional Democrats over his administration’s handling of documents from the cases.

Trump, a Republican, had promised to make public Epstein-related files if

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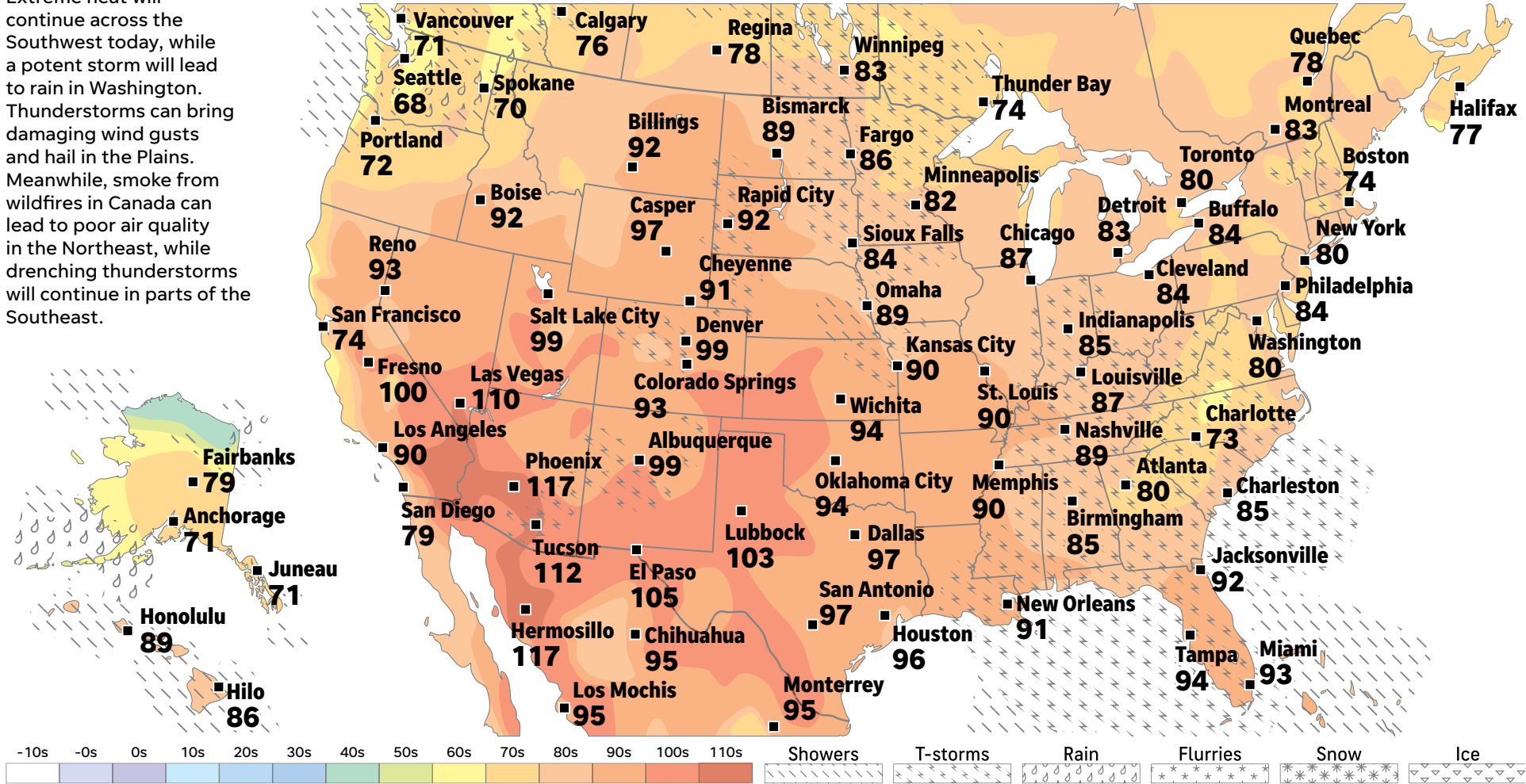
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NATIONAL SUMMARY

Extreme heat will continue across the Southwest today, while a potent storm will lead to rain in Washington. Thunderstorms can bring damaging wind gusts and hail in the Plains. Meanwhile, smoke from wildfires in Canada can lead to poor air quality in the Northeast, while drenching thunderstorms will continue in parts of the Southeast.

In the digital e-edition, you can click anywhere on the US map to get up-to-date forecasts, radar, MinuteCast® and more. Shown are areas of precipitation and high temperatures for Wednesday.



TUESDAY EXTREMES

NATIONAL (for the 48 contiguous states)
High: 115 at Needles, CA
Low: 30 at Angel Fire, NM
Precip: 4.33" at Rock Hill, SC

INTERNATIONAL (excludes Antarctica)
High: 122 at Basrah, Iraq
Low: 20 at Dunedin, New Zealand
Precip: 5.48" at Netrokona, Bangladesh

TODAY IN HISTORY

A barrage of hail on Aug. 6, 1979, shelled the Crane Ammunition Depot, 20 miles south-west of Bloomington, Ind. The hailstones were 2 inches in diameter.

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Q: How many times does lightning strike the Earth each year?

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Abilene, TX	100/74/s	48	Fall River, MA	79/60/pc	119	Lincoln, IL	87/67/pc	38	Rockford, IL	86/65/pc	83
Accomac, VA	78/67/c	59	Farmington, NM	97/65/pc	37	Louisville, KY	87/70/t	79	Ruidoso, NM	89/63/t	32
Adrian, MI	82/62/s	86	Fayetteville, NC	80/69/t	23	Lubbock, TX	103/74/s	41	Salem, OR	75/59/sh	22
Akron, OH	83/62/pc	66	Fond du Lac, WI	83/65/pc	115	Manitowoc, WI	77/64/pc	79	Salina, KS	98/74/s	40
Alamogordo, NM	103/76/s	37	Fort Myers, FL	95/77/t	28	Mansfield, OH	82/61/pc	65	Salinas, CA	74/56/pc	29
Alexandria, VA	79/67/c	118	Fort Smith, AR	97/74/pc	62	Marshall, NC	78/64/sh	27	Salisbury, MD	82/67/c	73
Alliance, OH	84/61/pc	80	Framingham, MA	79/58/pc	88	Marshallfield, WI	81/64/pc	86	San Angelo, TX	99/72/s	41
Amarillo, TX	102/71/s	51	Freeport, IL	84/64/pc	82	Massillon, OH	85/63/pc	78	Sarasota, FL	92/75/t	30
Ames, IA	84/68/t	39	Fremont, OH	83/62/pc	87	McLean, VA	78/66/c	130	Savannah, GA	87/72/t	42
Anderson, SC	79/68/t	29	Fort Collins, CO	101/63/pc	45	Melbourne, FL	91/77/t	31	Sheboygan, WI	79/66/c	80
Appleton, WI	84/68/pc	112	Gadsden, AL	85/68/t	39	Memphis, TN	90/74/s	66	Shelby, NC	71/64/t	26
Asheville, NC	75/65/sh	28	Gainesville, FL	93/74/t	29	Middletown, NY	78/60/c	126	Sherman, TX	98/72/s	64
Ashland, OH	83/61/pc	77	Galesburg, IL	85/67/pc	29	Milford, MA	78/58/pc	98	Shreveport, LA	98/75/s	66
Athens, GA	77/67/t	25	Gastonia, NC	71/65/t	26	Milwaukee, WI	81/67/pc	91	Silver City, NM	99/66/s	27
Augusta, GA	81/70/t	23	Glen Rose, TX	96/72/s	51	Monroe, MI	81/65/pc	109	Sioux Falls, SD	84/70/t	24
Austin, TX	96/75/s	52	Gonzales, LA	91/74/t	46	Monroe, LA	95/72/s	64	Somerset, NJ	74/59/pc	74
Bartlesville, OK	94/71/pc	50	Great Falls, MT	86/55/pc	43	Montgomery, AL	88/71/t	23	Somerville, PA	80/64/c	165
Battle Creek, MI	83/64/s	75	Green Bay, WI	83/62/pc	94	Muncie, IN	82/65/t	72	South Bend, IN	85/66/t	77
Bedford, IN	83/65/t	63	Greenville, SC	76/66/t	26	Murfreesboro, TN	87/67/t	35	Spartanburg, SC	73/65/t	27
Binghamton, NY	78/61/pc	112	Hackensack, NJ	82/65/c	168	Naples, FL	95/77/t	35	Springfield, IL	85/68/pc	38
Bluffton, SC	86/73/t	43	Hagerstown, MD	79/64/pc	109	Nashville, TN	89/72/t	37	Springfield, MO	93/71/pc	42
Bremerton, WA	69/54/r	25	Hattiesburg, MS	92/72/t	34	Neptune, NJ	75/69/c	132	St. Augustine, FL	89/77/t	37
Brockton, MA	77/58/pc	90	Henderson, KY	87/65/t	81	New Bedford, MA	78/59/pc	107	St. Cloud, MN	80/68/t	34
Brownwood, TX	97/71/s	35	Hendersonville, NC	73/64/sh	27	New Bern, NC	83/72/t	25	St. George, UT	107/76/s	53
Burlington, IA	85/69/pc	36	Herkimer, NY	81/62/pc	135	New Philadelphia, OH	84/62/pc	67	Staunton, VA	73/58/c	68
Burlington, NC	71/65/t	25	Hillsdale, MI	79/61/s	79	Newark, OH	85/61/pc	65	Stevens Point, WI	84/65/pc	117
Burlington, VT	84/66/s	47	Holland, MI	85/66/s	80	Newton, NJ	79/58/c	148	Stockton, CA	99/61/s	30
Cambridge, OH	83/62/pc	52	Hornell, NY	81/60/pc	102	New York, NY	80/68/c	163	Stroudsburg, PA	79/56/c	144
Camdenton, MO	92/70/pc	44	Houma, LA	90/74/t	33	Norwich, CT	82/61/c	131	Stuart, FL	92/77/t	49
Canandaigua, NY	83/63/pc	116	Howell, MI	81/62/pc	101	Ocala, FL	94/74/t	30	Sturgis, MI	82/63/pc	90
Canton, OH	84/63/pc	71	Hutchinson, KS	94/73/s	48	Oklahoma City, OK	94/72/s	59	Tallahassee, FL	88/74/t	21
Carlsbad, NM	103/70/s	43	Hyannis, MA	75/60/pc	95	Opelousas, LA	90/73/t	54	Thibodaux, LA	90/73/t	33
Chambersburg, PA	79/63/pc	118	Indianapolis, IN	85/67/t	70	Oshkosh, WI	82/66/pc	112	Topeka, KS	92/74/t	42
Cherry Hill, NJ	82/66/c	142	Iowa City, IA	85/68/pc	48	Palm Beach, FL	92/81/t	73	Tuscaloosa, AL	88/71/t	41
Cincinnati, OH	83/67/t	75	Ithaca, NY	80/61/pc	117	Palm Springs, CA	115/84/s	98	Utica, NY	80/63/pc	123
Clarksville, TN	88/69/t	42	Jackson, MS	92/72/t	46	Panama City, FL	87/75/t	24	Ventura, CA	71/59/pc	137
Coldwater, MI	81/62/pc	80	Jackson, TN	89/68/t	47	Pekin, IL	87/69/pc	39	Victorville, CA	100/63/s	76
Columbus, OH	85/66/pc	67	Jacksonville, FL	92/75/t	50	Pensacola, FL	87/74/t	46	Vineland, NJ	81/64/c	120
Corning, NY	82/61/pc	114	Jacksonville, NC	82/71/t	27	Peoria, IL	87/69/pc	37	Visalia, CA	98/65/pc	44
Corpus Christi, TX	96/76/s	27	Kent, OH	83/61/pc	74	Petersburg, VA	74/65/sh	81	Washington, DC	80/69/c	116
Daytona Beach, FL	91/75/t	32	Kewanee, IL	85/67/pc	39	Phoenix, AZ	117/93/pc	52	Watertown, SD	82/67/t	30
Deming, NM	105/71/s	31	Keyser, WV	78/60/pc	65	Port Huron, MI	84/61/pc	58	Wausau, WI	81/65/pc	101
DeRidder, LA	92/73/t	54	Kinston, NC	83/70/t	24	Portsmouth, NH	78/60/pc	45	Waynesboro, PA	78/64/c	118
Des Moines, IA	87/71/pc	46	Knoxville, TN	85/68/t	39	Poughkeepsie, NY	82/62/c	137	White Plains, NY	79/64/c	147
Detroit, MI	83/67/pc	109	Lafayette, IN	85/65/t	49	Providence, RI	79/61/pc	115	Wichita Falls, TX	99/72/s	45
Devils Lake, ND	84/65/t	35	Lafayette, LA	92/76/t	45	Pueblo, CO	101/63/pc	35	Wilmington, DE	82/66/c	134
Dover, NH	78/58/pc	50	Lakeland, FL	95/75/t	34	Quincy, MA	75/60/pc	81	Wilmington, NC	85/71/t	25
El Paso, TX	105/76/s	47	Lansing, MI	83/64/s	55	Redding, CA	99/69/pc	30	Wisconsin Rapids, WI	84/65/pc	113
Elmira, NY	83/58/pc	106	Las Cruces, NM	103/73/s	30	Reno, NV	93/59/s	30	Wooster, OH	82/60/pc	66
Erie, PA	83/66/pc	75	Lebanon, PA	79/61/c	156	Ravenna, OH	83/61/pc	81	Worcester, MA	76/61/pc	86
Eugene, OR	78/60/c	10	Leesburg, FL	94/76/t	29	Richmond, IN	81/64/t	75	York, PA	80/63/c	147

Air Quality Index: 0-50, Good; 51-100, Moderate; 101-150, Unhealthy for sensitive groups; 151-200, Unhealthy; 201-300, Very unhealthy; 301-500, Hazardous

INTERNATIONAL CITIES

	Wednesday High/low/W	Thursday High/low/W		Wednesday High/low/W	Thursday High/low/W		Wednesday High/low/W	Thursday High/low/W		Wednesday High/low/W	Thursday High/low/W
Acapulco	85/75/sh	88/76/r	Cape Town	60/47/c	63/49/pc	La Paz	62/29/s	64/26/s	San Jose	82/69/r	84/67/r
Addis Ababa	69/55/r	68/55/r	Caracas	91/76/r	89/76/r	Lagos	83/75/sh	82/75/r	San Salvador	90/66/pc	87/66/s
Algiers	92/66/s	96/67/pc	Casablanca	94/71/s	91/70/pc	Lima	68/59/s	67/59/pc	Santiago	69/41/pc	67/37/pc
Amman	92/69/s	95/72/s	Colombo	87/80/r	87/79/r	Lisbon	86/63/s	84/64/s	Sao Paulo	66/55/c	75/59/pc
Amsterdam	70/56/s	74/61/c	Copenhagen	67/57/pc	69/60/c	London	75/57/pc	72/58/c	Sarajevo	78/55/c	85/56/pc
Ankara	99/69/s	96/67/s	Damascus	100/68/s	103/68/s	Madrid	102/69/pc	105/70/pc	Shanghai	95/84/pc	96/84/t
Asuncion	73/61/c	71/52/sh	Dublin	66/58/c	69/52/pc	Manila	92/79/t	88/78/sh	Singapore	89/79/t	89/78/t
Athens	90/80/pc	93/80/s	Geneva	79/53/pc	91/58/s	Mexico City	71/56/r	73/55/r	Stockholm	66/53/pc	70/56/pc
Auckland	59/51/pc	62/55/pc	Guatemala City	79/62/t	80/62/t	Milan	85/67/pc	87/67/s	Sydney	66/54/s	61/52/r
Baghdad	112/91/s	114/93/s	Hanoi	94/81/t	92/79/t	Mombasa	81/69/r	82/69/pc	Taipei	95/78/t	98/79/c
Bangkok	97/81/t	93/79/t	Harare	76/46/s	75/49/s	Montevideo	58/47/c	54/45/sh	Tegucigalpa	87/64/t	87/65/s
Beijing	98/76/pc	94/75/pc	Havana	92/75/r	89/74/r	Montreal	83/62/s	84/66/pc	Tehran	101/82/s	100/81/c
Beirut	89/78/s	88/78/s	Helsinki	67/58/sh	68/60/s	Moscow	77/61/s	70/54/r	Tokyo	97/83/pc	95/80/c
Belgrade	85/59/pc	85/58/pc	Hong Kong	86/83/t	91/82/sh	Nairobi	76/58/c	77/58/t	Toronto	80/67/pc	83/67/pc
Berlin	71/52/pc	78/59/c	Jakarta	91/76/t	90/75/t	New Delhi	89/79/t	95/83/pc	Tunis	91/70/pc	93/70/s
Bogota	65/47/pc	65/50/r	Jerusalem	87/69/s	89/69/s	Panama City	88/75/r	89/74/r	Vancouver	71/60/sh	71/56/sh
Brussels	74/56/pc	79/61/pc	Johannesburg	65/40/s	55/37/t	Paris	77/54/pc	86/60/s	Vienna	77/52/s	82/59/s
Bucharest	94/70/pc	88/66/c	Kabul	90/67/pc	92/67/pc	Port-au-Prince	96/74/t	93/74/t	Warsaw	70/51/s	76/54/pc
Budapest	81/56/s	84/56/s	Khartoum	101/81/pc	104/81/s	Rio de Janeiro	73/65/pc	75/65/s	Yerevan	98/78/pc	97/76/pc
Buenos Aires	58/48/pc	56/40/c	Kyiv	82/60/sh	76/57/t	Riyadh	113/88/pc	112/88/s	Zagreb	75/55/sh	81/56/s
Cairo	96/74/pc	93/76/pc	Kingston	92/80/t	92/80/r	Rome	86/66/s	86/63/s	Zurich	73/50/pc	82/54/pc

Denotes possible travel delays Wednesday

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

Trump to fill Fed vacancy soon

Also narrowed chair search to 4 candidates

Andrea Shalal and Howard Schneider
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump said on Aug. 5 he will decide on a nominee to fill a coming vacancy on the Federal Reserve’s Board of Governors by the end of the week, and had separately narrowed the possible replacements for Fed Chair Jerome Powell to a short list of four.

“I’ll be making that decision before the end of the week,” Trump said of his plans to name a replacement for Fed Governor Adriana Kugler, who last week unexpectedly announced she was leaving to return to her academic position at Georgetown University.

Trump, in comments to reporters at the White House, distinguished between picking Kugler’s replacement for a term that only lasts until January, and the selection of Powell’s replacement once he leaves the top Fed job in May.

But with the Fed board’s other seats occupied with people, including Powell, whose terms run for years longer, Trump’s choice of Kugler’s replacement could have implications for his selection of a chair, a process Trump said has been narrowed to economic adviser Kevin Hassett, former Fed governor and Trump supporter Kevin Warsh, and two other people. Trump did not name those people, but one is thought to be current Fed Governor Christopher Waller.

“We’re also looking at the Fed chair, and that’s down to four people right now ... Two Kevins and two other people,” Trump said.

Trump earlier in the day said in an interview with CNBC that he had removed Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent from consideration for Fed chair because Bessent wanted to remain in the top Treasury job.

In the CNBC interview, Trump said Kugler’s decision to vacate her seat early was a “pleasant surprise” that



Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent wants to remain in his current role, according to President Donald Trump. MAGNUS LEJHALL/TT NEWS AGENCY VIA REUTERS

gives him an immediate opening to fill with a person who could also be promoted to take Powell’s place.

Kugler’s replacement would, at least initially, be appointed for just the few months remaining in Kugler’s term.

But Trump could be explicit he plans for that person to then be nominated to a full 14-year term after that time, and to also be his choice to replace Powell, giving his nominee several months and several policy meetings to begin to influence the policy debate.

“A lot of people say, when you do that, why don’t you just pick the person who is going to head up the Fed? That’s a possibility too,” Trump said in the CNBC interview.

The president has been critical of Powell for not cutting interest rates since Trump returned to power in January, and contemplated trying to fire him, even as Fed policymakers balance evidence of both a slowing economy and a weakening job market against the fact inflation remains well above the central bank’s 2% target and is expected to move higher.

The Fed is charged by Congress to maintain stable prices and maximum employment, and is potentially facing a situation where the two goals conflict with each other, posing a painful set of trade-offs.

The nominee to fill Kugler’s seat will need to be confirmed by the Senate, and

would require another Senate vote for a full 14-year term early next year. The nomination for the next Fed chief would require a separate Senate confirmation process.

James Fishback, CEO of the Azoria investment firm and a former adviser at DOGE, spoke to Trump on Aug. 4 to pitch himself as a temporary Fed pick, and a presidential aide requested informative material from him, according to a source with knowledge of the matter.

The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment about Fishback.

Kugler’s departure was announced the same day Trump, angered over data that showed job growth slowing in the first months of his administration, fired Bureau of Labor Statistics Commissioner Erika McEntarfer while alleging, without evidence, that BLS was manipulating the jobs data to make him look bad.

Economists have warned since Trump returned to the White House in January that his combination of import tariffs and erratic trade policy would likely lead to a labor market slowdown and higher inflation, a broadly shared outlook that has been among the factors keeping the Fed from lowering rates until the inflation impact becomes clearer. The central bank last week held its policy rate steady in the 4.25%-4.50% range, though Waller dissented on the grounds the inflation risk from tariffs appeared modest at best, while the job market and growth in general appeared to be weakening.

The release on Aug. 1 of the jobs report for July, with weak monthly employment gains and downward revisions to prior months, appeared to validate those concerns and led to increased market bets the Fed would cut rates at its Sept. 16-17 meeting.

The firing of the BLS commissioner touched off a global wave of concern about the continued integrity of U.S. government data, with Trump’s actions being given a fire-the-messenger interpretation by much of the economics and statistics community.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

Indexes drop as U.S. tariff hikes felt

Companies cite levies in results, outlooks

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REUTERS

NEW YORK – U.S. stocks ended lower on Aug. 5 as investors weighed the impact of tariffs after Yum Brands and other companies cited trade duties in their results or outlooks.

The U.S. trade deficit narrowed in June on a sharp drop in consumer goods imports, and the trade gap with China shrank to its lowest in more than 21 years.

In addition, a measure of activity in the U.S. services sector hit stall-speed in July, with businesses saying new import taxes are pushing costs higher.

Shares of KFC parent Yum Brands fell 5.1% after the company missed estimates for the second quarter, as steep trade duties restricted consumer spending.

Caterpillar warned U.S. tariffs would pose significant challenges in the second half of the year and cost it up to \$1.5 billion in 2025, but its shares ended up 0.1%.

The comments come at the tail end of the U.S. second-quarter earnings season, in which about 80% of reports from S&P 500 companies are beating analyst profit expectations.

“If you look at results, they are trending above low-bar expectations,” said Terry Sandven, chief equity strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management in Minneapolis.

“The impact of tariffs remains a work in progress. We’re not seeing any meaningful impact on company profitability with tariffs. We do know, however, that they loom.”

The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 61.90 points, or 0.14%, to 44,111.74; the S&P 500 lost 30.75 points, or 0.49%, to 6,299.19; and the Nasdaq Composite lost 137.03 points, or 0.65%, to 20,916.55.

President Donald Trump on Aug. 5 said the United States could impose a “small tariff” on pharmaceutical imports before increasing the rate subsequently. He also signaled an announcement on tariffs on semiconductors and chips in the “next week or so.”

“Today’s market action reflects investors that are merely in pause mode,” Sandven said, noting that the backdrop for equities remains constructive for the year.

The S&P 500 and Nasdaq hit a string of record highs recently, and the S&P 500 remains up 7.1% for the year so far.

In other results-related news, Marriott International cut its full-year forecast for revenue growth and profit and signaled slowing travel demand and economic uncertainties. Its stock closed up 0.2%.

While the earnings period is winding down, investors look forward to more key results on Aug. 6, with both Walt Disney and McDonald’s due to report.

Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by a 1.27-to-1 ratio on the NYSE. There were 158 new highs and 67 new lows on the NYSE. On the Nasdaq, 2,216 stocks rose and 2,365 fell as declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 1.07-to-1 ratio.

Volume on U.S. exchanges was 16.29 billion shares, compared with the roughly 18.33 billion average for the full session over the last 20 trading days.

Meanwhile, European shares closed higher, buoyed by better-than-expected corporate earnings and renewed optimism that the Federal Reserve may cut interest rates in September.

The pan-European STOXX 600 index edged up 0.15%, with most regional bourses also trading in the green.

Oil prices

Brent crude futures settled \$1.12, or 1.63%, lower to \$67.64 a barrel on Aug. 5, while West Texas Intermediate crude slipped \$1.13, or 1.7%, to \$65.16. Both benchmarks settled to their lowest in five weeks. Rising OPEC+ supply and worries of weaker global demand countered concern about President Donald Trump’s threats to India over its Russian oil purchases.

Threats

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to employees a day after the July 28 killings in Midtown.

“Understandably, yesterday has also left many of us feeling uneasy,” he said, assuring employees that the bank has beefed up security at its Manhattan headquarters over the last year.

Threats against executives “have massively ramped up since 2020,” said Chris Pierson, the CEO of cybersecurity firm BlackCloak.

He noted how the man charged with murdering a Minnesota lawmaker and her husband near Minneapolis in June allegedly kept a target list of mostly other politicians and used online people-search services to find their addresses.

Ben Joelson, head of security risk and resilience for the Chertoff Group, a security advisory firm, said threats against executives are higher than at any time in the decade he has worked in the field, with social media posts magnifying complaints against institutional leaders. Artificial intelligence is compounding the problem, leading to an “exponential rise” in realistic phishing attempts, Joelson was cited as saying in a report by research firm Equilar.

When UnitedHealthcare CEO Brian Thompson was shot to death in New York in December, it seemed to be a

very rare “black swan event,” Joelson told Reuters in an interview. But targeted attacks have continued, including the killings in Minnesota and the shooting deaths of two employees of the Israeli Embassy in Washington in May.

“It’s increasingly acceptable for some bad actors or adversaries to address grievances through violence,” which has led many companies to put a new focus on security, Joelson said.

Matthew Dumpert, global leader of enterprise security risk management at financial and risk advisory firm Kroll, said a lot of existing and new clients reached out last week following the deadly attack in Midtown. “Several of the outreaches directly to me have been by the executive committees ... whoever owns risk. It’s chief legal officers, admin officers, compliance officers, security officers,” Dumpert said.

He added that several clients that had emergency response projects slated to start later this year have asked him to “put those on the front burner. Start immediately, and let’s move forward.”

‘Trend is unsurprising’

Median spending on executive security for top officers, including chief executives, chief financial officers and others, rose 16% to a record \$106,530 last year, according to new data from Equilar, which reviewed financial filings for the 500 largest U.S. public com-

panies by revenue.

Security spending includes surveillance and alarm systems for executives’ homes, personal guards and cybersecurity protections. Equilar analysts said the trend is likely to continue as firms grapple with the growing threats to their executives and employees.

The percentage of executives at those companies with such protection rose to 33.8% from 23.3% over the 2020-2024 period, Equilar said. Nearly a third of CEOs in the group, 32.4%, received security services last year, up from 21.9% in 2020; the value of those CEOs’ security perks reached a median \$77,976 last year, up from \$40,052 in 2020.

Tech companies had the biggest growth in implementing security measures for executives, with a 73.5% jump in those receiving the benefits from 2020 to 2024, but communications companies spent the most, at a median value of \$1.2 million a year, Equilar found.

Blue-chip companies such as Walmart, General Motors, American Express and chipmaker Broadcom previously disclosed new or increased security expenses from previous years following Thompson’s killing.

“The trend is unsurprising considering the broader concerns about executive safety amid geopolitical instability, increasing cyber threats and the high public visibility of top leadership roles,” Equilar said in its report.

would learn anything new or noteworthy if such material were released.

Earlier on Aug. 5, the Justice Department said in a court filing that much of the testimony from law enforcement officers at Maxwell’s grand jury proceedings in 2020 was corroborated by the victims and witnesses who testified publicly at her trial the following year.

Maxwell’s lawyers have told the Supreme Court that her conviction was invalid because a non-prosecution and plea agreement that federal prosecutors had made with Epstein in Florida in 2007 also shielded his associates. The court is due to consider whether to take up the appeal in late September.

Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanche met with Maxwell in July to see if she had any information about other people who may have committed crimes. Neither party has provided a detailed account of what they discussed. Maxwell last week was moved from a prison in Florida to a lower-security facility in Texas.

well, Epstein’s estate and the alleged victims to weigh in on the possible disclosure by Aug. 5. Lawyers for Epstein’s estate said they took no position on whether the transcripts should be released.

A lawyer for Annie Farmer, who testified at Maxwell’s trial that Maxwell and Epstein abused her at Epstein’s New Mexico ranch when she was 16, said disclosing the transcripts may provide additional details about people who facilitated Epstein’s alleged abuse. “The public has a legitimate interest in understanding the full scope of Epstein’s and Maxwell’s crimes,” wrote the lawyer, Sigrid McCawley.

Bradley Edwards, a lawyer for several alleged victims of Epstein and Maxwell, wrote in a filing that any disclosure of grand jury material should shield the alleged victims’ identities, and that their lawyers should be able to review the material before it is made public.

It is unclear whether the public

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reelected and accused Democrats of covering up the truth. But in early July, the Justice Department said a previously touted Epstein client list did not exist, angering Trump’s supporters.

Epstein died by suicide in jail in 2019 while awaiting trial on sex trafficking charges. He had pleaded not guilty.

Grand juries meet in secret to guard against interference in criminal investigations, and records of their proceedings cannot be disclosed without a judge’s permission.

The Justice Department has cited what it calls continuing public interest in the cases in asking Manhattan-based Judges Richard Berman and Paul Engelmayer to authorize the disclosure of the Epstein and Maxwell grand jury transcripts.

The judges asked lawyers for Max-

NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. will not seek death penalty for alleged Mexican drug lords

NEW YORK – The U.S. Justice Department said on Aug. 5 it will not seek the death penalty for accused Mexican drug traffickers Rafael Caro Quintero and Ismael Zambada despite allegations of deep ties to cartel violence.

Caro Quintero was extradited to the United States in February alongside 28 other suspected cartel members as part of the biggest handover by Mexico of drug trafficking suspects in 10 years.

The septuagenarian had spent decades in prison in Mexico for the murder of a Drug Enforcement Administration agent. His lawyer, Elizabeth Macedonio, said she agreed with the Justice Department the death penalty was not appropriate in his case.

Zambada, known as El Mayo, is accused of co-founding the Sinaloa Cartel alongside convicted drug kingpin Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman. He was arrested last year alongside Joaquin Guzman Lopez, a son of his former partner, at a small airport near El Paso, Texas.

Both Caro Quintero and Zambada, also in his 70s, have pleaded not guilty to U.S. drug trafficking charges.

Official: Trump to host Armenia, Azerbaijan leaders for talks

President Donald Trump will host the leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan for peace talks at the White House on Aug. 8, a U.S. official told Reuters.

The official said it was possible that the framework for a peace agreement could be announced at the meeting.

The two countries, both of which won independence from the Soviet Union in 1991, have been at loggerheads since the late 1980s when Nagorno-Karabakh – an Azerbaijani region that had a mostly ethnic-Armenian population – broke away from Azerbaijan with support from Armenia.

Azerbaijan retook Karabakh in 2023, prompting 100,000 ethnic Armenians to flee to Armenia.

In March, the two sides said they had agreed on the text of a draft peace agreement, but progress since then has been sporadic and slow.

Lebanon’s Cabinet tasks army with limiting arms to state forces

BEIRUT – Lebanon’s Cabinet on Aug. 5 tasked the army with drawing up a plan to establish a state monopoly on arms by the end of the year, a challenge to Hezbollah, which has rejected calls to disarm since last year’s devastating war with Israel.

The Iran-backed group is under pressure from its rivals in Lebanon and from Washington, who want Lebanon’s ministers to publicly commit to disarming the party and worry that Israel could intensify strikes on Lebanon if they fail to do so.

The session at Lebanon’s presidential palace was the first time the Cabinet addressed Hezbollah’s weapons – unimaginable when the group was at the zenith of its power just two years ago.

Ministers met for nearly six hours. In a concluding statement, Prime Minister Nawaf Salam said the Cabinet had authorized Lebanon’s army to develop a plan to ensure that all arms across the country would be confined to six specific state security forces by the end of the year.

But as ministers met, Hezbollah’s leader Naim Qassem resisted calls to disarm in a televised speech, saying: “I hope you (Lebanese officials) don’t waste time on the storms stirred up by external dictates.”

Australia’s Great Barrier Reef suffers record coral decline

SYDNEY – Australia’s Great Barrier Reef has suffered the largest decline in coral cover in two of its three regions over the last year, research released on Aug. 6 showed, following a mass bleaching of its corals that was among the worst on record.

The Australian Institute of Marine Sciences said the reef has experienced the largest annual decline in coral cover in its northern and southern regions since monitoring began 39 years ago, with coral cover dropping between a quarter and a third after several years of solid growth.

The reef, the world’s largest living ecosystem, stretches for some 1,500 miles off the coast of the northern state of Queensland.

Since 2016, the reef has experienced five summers of mass coral bleaching, when large sections of the reef turn white due to heat stress, putting them at greater risk of death. The 2024 event had the largest footprint ever recorded on the reef, the report said.

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HHS to wind down mRNA vaccine work

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services said on Aug. 5 it would wind down mRNA vaccine development activities under its biomedical research unit.

The unit, Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, helps companies develop medical supplies to address public health threats, and had provided billions of dollars for development of vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic.

HHS said the wind-down includes cancellation of a contract awarded to Moderna for the late-stage develop-



Kennedy

ment of its bird flu vaccine for humans and the right to purchase the shots, as previously reported in May.

The U.S. health agency said it was also rejecting or canceling multiple pre-award solicitations, including proposals from Pfizer, Sanofi Pasteur, CSL Seqirus, Gritstone and others.

This is the latest development under Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a longtime vaccine skeptic who has been making sweeping changes to reshape vaccine, food and medicine policies.

Kennedy said HHS is terminating these programs because data shows these vaccines “fail to protect effectively against upper respiratory infections like COVID and flu,” but did not offer scientific evidence.

“We’re shifting that funding toward safer, broader vaccine platforms that remain effective even as viruses mutate,” Kennedy said.

In total, the decision affects 22 projects worth nearly \$500 million, the agency said.

HHS said the decision follows a comprehensive review of mRNA-related investments initiated during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Judge blocks disaster grant move

Says FEMA lacks power to cancel federal program

Jonathan Stempel

REUTERS

A federal judge blocked the Trump administration on Aug. 5 from diverting more than \$4 billion from a grant program designed to protect communities against natural disasters.

U.S. District Judge Richard Stearns in Boston issued a preliminary injunction preventing the government from spending money allocated to the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities program for other purposes.

Twenty mostly Democratic-led states, led by Massachusetts and Washington, sued the administration in July, saying the Federal Emergency Management Agency lacked power to cancel the BRIC program without congressional approval.

FEMA is part of the Department of Homeland Security. Neither agency immediately responded to requests for comment.

Andrea Joy Campbell, Massachusetts’ attorney general, said her office will keep fighting to stop the federal government from “effectively abandoning state and local communities that rely on federal funding to protect their residents.”

Created in 2018 during Republican President Donald Trump’s first term, the BRIC program helps state and local governments protect major infrastructure such as roads and bridges before the occurrence of floods, hurricanes and other disasters.

According to the lawsuit, FEMA ap-



People clear debris along the Guadalupe River in Center Point, Texas, on July 11 after catastrophic floods. The BRIC program helps state and local governments protect major infrastructure ahead of disasters. SERGIO FLORES/REUTERS FILE

proved about \$4.5 billion in grants for nearly 2,000 projects, primarily in coastal states, over the last four years.

But the agency announced in April it would end the program, calling it wasteful, ineffective and politicized.

Stearns said that while FEMA does not appear to have since canceled grants, states shouldn’t have to wait to sue until after they lose funding, while the cancellation of new grants suggested FEMA considered an eventual shutdown a fait accompli.

He also said the states have shown a realistic chance of irreparable harm if the BRIC program ended.

“There is an inherent public interest

in ensuring that the government follows the law, and the potential hardship accruing to the states from the funds being repurposed is great,” the judge wrote.

“The BRIC program is designed to protect against natural disasters and save lives,” Stearns added. “The potential hardship to the government, in contrast, is minimal.”

Other states that joined the lawsuit include Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin.

Putin

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Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Svyrydenko last week called on the world to respond with “maximum pressure” after the worst Russian air strike of the year killed 31 people in Kyiv, including five children, in what she called Russia’s response to Trump’s deadline.

“President Trump wants to stop the killing, which is why he is selling American-made weapons to NATO members and threatening Putin with biting tariffs and sanctions if he does not agree to a ceasefire,” White House spokeswoman Anna Kelly said in response to a request for comment.

Forces advance

The first source said Putin was privately concerned about the recent deterioration of U.S. ties. Putin still retains the hope that Russia can again befriend America and trade with the West, and “he is worried” about Trump’s irritation, this person said.

But with Moscow’s forces advancing on the battlefield and Ukraine under heavy military pressure, Putin does not believe now is the time to end the war, the source said, adding that neither the Russian people nor the army would understand if he stops now.

Rodgers, the author, said Putin has invested his political reputation and legacy in the war in Ukraine.

“We know from his previous writings and statements that he sees himself as part of a strong tradition of standing up to the West and the rest of world to defend Russia’s interests,” he said.

The Kremlin leader values the relationship with Trump and does not want to anger him, however, “he simply has a top priority – Putin cannot afford to end the war just because Trump wants it,” the second Russian source said.

A third person familiar with Kremlin thinking also said Russia wanted to take all four regions and did not see the



Razor wire and fortifications installed by the Ukrainian military are seen in a field in the Dnipropetrovsk region in July. ROMAN PILIPEY/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

logic in stopping at a time of battlefield gains during Russia’s summer offensive.

Ukraine has suffered some of its biggest territorial losses of 2025 in the past three months, including about 194 square miles in July, according to Black Bird Group, a Finland-based military analysis center. In total, Russia has occupied around a fifth of Ukraine.

Russia’s military General Staff has told Putin that the Ukrainian front will crumble in two or three months, the first person said.

However, Russia’s recent gains remain relatively minor in purely territorial terms, with only 1,930 square miles of Ukraine taken since the start of last year, less than 1% of the country’s overall territory, according to a June report from the Center for Strategic and International Studies, a Washington-based think tank.

Ukrainian and Western military sources acknowledge that Russia is making gains, but only gradually and with heavy casualties. Russian war bloggers say Moscow’s forces have been bogged down during its current summer offensive in areas where the terrain and dense urban landscape favored Ukraine, but assess that other areas should be faster to take.

‘He’s made threats before’

Trump’s sanctions threat was “pain-

ful and unpleasant,” but not a catastrophe, the second source said. The third source said there was a feeling in Moscow that “there’s not much more that they can do to us.”

It was also not clear if Trump would follow through on his ultimatum, this person said, adding that “he’s made threats before” and then not acted, or changed his mind.

The source also said it was hard to imagine that China would stop buying Russian oil on instructions from Trump, and that his actions risked backfiring by driving oil prices higher.

As a consequence of previous rounds of sanctions, Russian oil and gas exporters have taken big hits to their revenues, and foreign direct investment in the country fell by 63% last year, according to U.N. trade data. Around \$300 billion of central bank assets have been frozen in foreign jurisdictions.

But Russia’s ability to wage war has been unimpeded, thanks in part to ammunition supplies from North Korea and imports from China of dual-use components that have sustained a massive rise in weapons production. The Kremlin has repeatedly said that Russia has some “immunity” to sanctions.

Trump has acknowledged Russia’s skill in skirting the measures. “They’re wily characters and they’re pretty good at avoiding sanctions, so we’ll see what happens,” he told reporters over the weekend, when asked what his response would be if Russia did not agree to a ceasefire.

The first Russian source noted that Putin, in pursuing the conflict, was turning his back on a U.S. offer made in March that Washington, in return for his agreement to a full ceasefire, would remove U.S. sanctions, recognize Russian possession of Crimea – annexed from Ukraine in 2014 – and acknowledge de facto Russian control of the territory captured by its forces since 2022.

The source called the offer a “fantastic chance,” but said stopping a war was much more difficult than starting it.

SPORTS **EXTRA**

MLB



Milwaukee Brewers starter Freddie Peralta pitches in the first inning against the Braves on Aug. 5 in Atlanta. Peralta earned his 13th victory of the season. KEVIN C. COX/GETTY IMAGES

PERALTA WINS 13TH AS BREWERS ROLL ON

Freddie Peralta became the first National League player to reach 13 wins on Tuesday when he pitched the visiting Milwaukee Brewers to a 7-2 win over the Atlanta Braves, extending their winning streak to five games. The Brewers have won 11 of their last 12 road games and hold a 3-2 lead over the Braves in the season series. **ROUNDUP, 4NS**

GOLF

PGA Tour may close playoff loophole

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Rory McIlroy is skipping the FedEx Cup's first playoff – the event sponsored by the PGA Tour's biggest sugar daddy, FedEx.

McIlroy, the reigning Masters champion and world No. 2, is the only eligible player from the field of 70 that is skipping out on the \$20 million purse at this week's FedEx St. Jude Championship in Memphis at TPC Southwind.

Peter Malnati, a player director on the PGA Tour Policy Board, was asked if he was concerned that one of the top players elected not to compete in one of the three legs of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"Very concerned," he said.

This year is considered a bridge year for the FedEx Cup playoffs and the Tour Championship, in particular. After several months of debating numerous potential formats, the Tour reached an unanimous decision to ditch the much-beleaguered Starting Strokes format and reinstitute a format where all 30 contestants that make it to East Lake for the final leg of the playoffs will begin the 72-hole stroke-play championship at even par.

However, the Tour didn't close the loophole that allows McIlroy, who with three wins this year has amassed 3,444 FedEx Cup points to rank second to Scottie Scheffler.

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Rory McIlroy hits a shot on the 10th hole during the third round of the 153rd British Open on July 19. MIKE FREY/IMAGN IMAGES

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

SEC whips Big Ten in rankings, not CFP



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After an offseason filled with inter-conference propaganda wars, thinly veiled shots and public sniping, the 67 coaches who vote in the US LBM Coaches Poll got to offer one last, private word on which conference is strongest.

The ballots are in: It's the SEC. That's the preseason perception, anyway.

Nine SEC teams are ranked in the preseason coaches poll, compared to six Big Ten teams. Together, the Super Two conferences account for 60% of the Top 25.

The two highest vote-getters among unranked teams also hail from the SEC.

Add it up, and coaches widely perceive the SEC as a deep conference. At the top, Texas ranks as preseason No. 1 nationally for the first time in coaches poll history.

But, a Top 25 logjam won't necessarily help the SEC's playoff hunt.

Here are my five hot takes from the poll:

- **Poll does not give SEC a College Football Playoff advantage**

The SEC also put nine teams in the preseason rankings last year but qualified only three teams for the playoff – one fewer than the Big Ten qualified.

Translation: The SEC's preseason Top 25 blitz does not help its playoff pursuits. It means the conference schedule can become a battle royale filled with land mines.

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Penn State cornerback Audavion Collins (29) celebrates after an interception against Maryland during a game last season. MATTHEW O'HAREN/IMAGN IMAGES

NFL NOTEBOOK

Buccaneers sign veteran QB Bridgewater

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers signed veteran quarterback Teddy Bridgewater on Tuesday to add experience behind starter Baker Mayfield.

Bridgewater, 32, recently vacated his position as head football coach at Miami’s Northwestern High School after being suspended for allegedly providing impermissible benefits to his players.

Bridgewater was on the Detroit Lions’ roster last December as a backup to Jared Goff but has not thrown a pass in the regular season since the 2022 season with the Miami Dolphins.

He adds depth behind Mayfield, who missed multiple days last week with a bruised right hand. Backup Michael Pratt has been out with a back injury. Kyle Trask and undrafted rookie Connor Bazelak also are on the training camp roster.

“He brings us a wealth of experience at that spot. Obviously we don’t have it,” head coach Todd Bowles said of Bridgewater.

“Kyle’s been here a few years but he hasn’t really played and obviously we have a new guy that’s coming in, so we need the extra arm. We need some experience in that room, and the more experience the better.”

Last season with Detroit, Bridgewater completed his only pass for 3 yards in the Lions’ divisional round loss to the Washington Commanders.

Reports: Sanders to start Browns’ preseason opener

The Cleveland Browns plan to give Shedeur Sanders the start at quarterback in their preseason opener Friday at the Carolina Panthers, Cleveland.com and ESPN reported Tuesday.

The news comes just one day after Cleveland listed Sanders as its QB4 on the unofficial depth chart for the week and reportedly signed free agent QB Tyler Huntley.

However, Kenny Pickett and Sanders’ fellow rookie Dillon Gabriel are both dealing with hamstring injuries, and the team’s other quarterback, 40-year-old Joe Flacco, does not have much to prove in a preseason setting.



The Tampa Bay Buccaneers signed veteran quarterback Teddy Bridgewater, who was on the Detroit Lions’ roster late last season. JUNFU HAN/USA TODAY NETWORK

It’s unclear how severe Pickett’s and Gabriel’s injuries are. Sanders and Huntley may split the workload at Carolina if the Browns do not plan to play their other quarterbacks.

Sanders, 23, was widely expected to be a first-round draft pick and one of the first quarterbacks selected last April. Instead, he dropped to the fifth round, where the Browns drafted him 144th overall – two rounds after they drafted Gabriel from Oregon.

After a prolific college career playing for his father Deion Sanders at Jackson State and Colorado, Shedeur Sanders is battling for a roster spot. As of Monday, Sanders was the only QB yet to be given first-team reps.

Bengals QB Burrow to play ‘several series’ vs. Eagles

Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow and select starters will see action in Cincinnati’s preseason opener against the host Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday, coach Zac Taylor told reporters Tuesday. “Several series is what we’ll give those starters,” Taylor said.

Burrow, 28, has thrown a total of eight passes in preseason games the past four years. The two-time Pro Bowl

selection completed 5 of 7 passes in the 2024 preseason, his first action in an exhibition game since 2021 when he threw an incomplection in his only attempt.

Taylor also noted that his starters will see their most preseason playing time in their Aug. 18 date with the host Washington Commanders.

QB Richardson to start Colts’ preseason opener vs. Ravens

Anthony Richardson will start at quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts when they visit the Baltimore Ravens in Thursday night’s preseason opener.

Richardson and veteran Daniel Jones are battling for the job and listed as co-No. 1s on the depth chart. Colts coach Shane Steichen is trying to make it an even competition.

For example, Richardson is slated to play 1½ quarters against the Ravens with Jones finishing out the first half. But in the second preseason game against the Green Bay Packers on Aug. 16, Jones will start and play 1½ quarters with Richardson finishing out the first half.

“In a perfect world, that’s how I want it to play out,” Steichen said Tuesday following a joint practice against the Ravens in Owing Mills, Md.

Steelers rookie QB Howard hurts throwing hand at practice

Pittsburgh Steelers rookie quarter-back Will Howard left practice on Tuesday with a finger injury on his right (throwing) hand.

Steelers beat reporter Mark Kaboly said Howard gave a thumbs up as he left the practice field and the injury isn’t expected to be serious.

Pittsburgh drafted Howard in the sixth round of April’s NFL draft out of Ohio State, where he led the Buckeyes to a national championship in his lone season at the school.

Vikings WR Addison suspended 3 games following plea deal

The NFL has suspended Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Jordan Addison three games without pay for violating the league’s substances of abuse policy, the club announced Tuesday.

ESPN reported Monday that the team was bracing for the news following the adjudication of his legal case stemming from his arrest on a DUI charge in July 2024.

According to the team, Addison can participate fully in all training camp activities and preseason games. But he will not play when the Vikings open the regular season Sept. 8 in Chicago against the Bears on Monday Night Football. Addison also will miss home games against the Atlanta Falcons and Cincinnati Bengals in Weeks 2 and 3.

Addison is eligible to return for Minnesota’s Week 4 game against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Dublin, Ireland.

Cardinals WR Harrison returns, may play preseason opener

Arizona Cardinals star wide receiver Marvin Harrison Jr. returned to practice Tuesday after missing several days with knee soreness followed by an illness.

Harrison’s return means he may be available for Arizona’s preseason opener Saturday against the Kansas City Chiefs. Head coach Jonathan Gannon said Tuesday that unlike last year, he will play his starters for some amount of time in the first preseason game.

PGA Tour

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On Sunday, McIlroy banked a cumulative \$10 million in bonus money for his successes in the regular season and he’s in line for two more paydays in addition to his winnings in the remaining two playoff events should he choose to compete.

He’s already mathematically locked up a berth in the second playoff event, the BMW Championship, reserved for the top 50 in the FedEx Cup standings, and the Tour Championship, which pits the top 30, in Atlanta.

Technically, there’s no consequences for McIlroy electing to take the week off during the FedEx St. Jude. The playoff events offer four times the points (with 2,000 being awarded to the winner) so not playing ostensibly could cost him a few spots in the season-long standings and effect his bonus after the BMW depending on who plays well in Memphis.

But when asked if any measures will be added in the future to prevent McIlroy or any other players from taking the week off during the playoffs, Malnati said, “I think there is stuff in the works and I’ll leave it at that.”

Webb Simpson, a fellow player director on the Tour board, didn’t elaborate if it would be a rule or a penalty implemented to discourage others from skipping playoff events in the future and didn’t have a problem with McIlroy’s decision.

“I think it’s too hard of a thing to make guys have to play. We’re still a sport where you can play when you want to play,” Simpson said.

He recalled that in 2020, he ranked third in the FedEx Cup and withdrew from the BMW Championship to prioritize rest and preparation ahead of the Tour Championship.

“I knew I couldn’t fall more than one spot and I thought losing one stroke at East Lake was worth a week of rest because I was toast,” he said. “I don’t know Rory’s reason but I totally get it. It’s a hard to thing to fix.”

Simpson isn’t the only player to skip FedEx Cup playoff events before, either. Tiger Woods skipped the inaugural FedEx Cup event in 2007, citing fatigue after back-to-back victories at the WGC Bridgestone Invitational and the PGA Championship.



British Open champion Scottie Scheffler enters the playoffs ranked No. 1 in the FedExCup standings. MIKE FREY/IMAGN IMAGES

He would go on to win the final two playoff events and claim the first Cup. He also withdrew from the Northern Trust in 2019, the first playoff event, citing an oblique strain.

Jim Furyk famously missed the 2010 Barclays, a FedEx Cup playoff event at the time, due to oversleeping after his alarm clock battery died and being late for his pro-am tee time. He still managed to win the FedEx Cup title that year.

McIlroy, who is planning to play several international events later this year, including in India and Australia, should be commended for being a global player, but this can’t sit well with FedEx.

One could argue that this is no different than a division champ receiving a post-season bye in other sports, but McIlroy’s action diminishes the Tour’s product and doesn’t show much respect for FedEx’s \$100 million annual commitment.

He made his intentions known that he would skip the first playoff event nearly a year ago, and hasn’t been shy about saying that TPC Southwind isn’t his cup of tea.

“I finished, basically, dead last there (last) year, and only moved down one spot in the playoff standings,” he told The Telegraph last November. [He actually finished second-to-last in 2024, but who’s counting?

He also missed the cut in 2022 when the field was 125 players. In 2023, he did finish T-3.]

TENNIS ROUNDUP

Americans Fritz, Shelton set for Toronto semifinal

FIELD LEVEL MEDIA

Despite seeing his run of serving success end, second-seeded Taylor Fritz charged into the semifinals of the National Bank Open with a 6-3, 7-6 (4) win over sixth-seeded Andrey Rublev on Tuesday in Toronto.

Fritz’s next opponent will be fellow American Ben Shelton, the fourth seed, who registered a 6-3, 6-4 victory Australian Alex de Minaur, the ninth seed, late Tuesday night.

After winning 41 consecutive service games dating back to his initial match in Toronto, Fritz squandered a match point at 5-4 in the second set, then lost the next two points as Rublev gained the break.

Fritz never lost a point on serve in the tiebreaker to advance.

“That whole game was so shaky for me,” Fritz said of the lone time his lost his serve.

“It’s weird because he was holding easy, I was holding easy. It felt so like calm and chill and all of a sudden I’m serving to be in the semis, the pressure of the game came out of nowhere.

“There’s no way to sugarcoat it, it was a tight game. My brain kind of turned off. The only thing you can do is come back and win the set. I would be a lot more upset about what happened in the game if I lose the match. Winning makes it feel not as bad.”

The other semifinal on Wednesday will feature top-seeded Alexander Zverev of Germany and 11th-seeded Karen Khachanov of Russia.

Women

Not even the greatest women’s tennis aficionados could have predicted this final four at the National Bank Open in Montreal.

Unseeded Naomi Osaka of Japan and No. 16 Clara Tauson of Denmark punched their tickets to the semifinals of the WTA 1000 event. Osaka, a four-time Grand Slam champion knocked off No. 10 Ukrainian Elina Svitolina, 6-2, 6-2, while Tauson started brightly and held off No. 6 Madison Keys, 6-1,



Taylor Fritz reacts during the tiebreaker of the final set against Andrey Rublev on Aug. 5 in Toronto. JOHN E. SOKOLOWSKI/IMAGN IMAGES

6-4.

The two will meet in the second semifinal match on Wednesday. The earlier match will feature 18-year old Canadian upstart Victoria Mboko and the highest seed remaining, No. 9 Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan.

Svitolina struggled with her serve in the first set, getting less than 43 percent of her first serves in and losing 9-of-12 second serve points. Osaka took advantage, converting 3-of-4 break point opportunities, while saving 4-of-5 of her own troubled service games.

In her best showing since in a WTA 100 event since reaching the finals at the Miami Open in 2022, Osaka won 16-of-18 points in efficient serving games and did not face a break point to advance. She will move up from No. 49 to at least No. 34, her highest ranking since returning to the tour 20 months ago.

Tauson never trailed in her match vs. the 2025 Australian Open champion. She broke Keys’ serve in the fourth and sixth games of the set and opened the second set with a break. Tauson, who defeated 2025 Wimbledon champion Iga Swiatek in the previous round, won a robust 72.9 percent of the points on her serve.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

5 teams ranked too high in preseason poll

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USA TODAY

One thing we know about preseason polls is how little it means in the grand scheme of things. A high ranking doesn't automatically mean success, and there's always teams not ranked that surprise.

But that doesn't stop fans – or the media – from letting the rankings set the expectations.

The preseason US LBM Coaches Poll is out and it provides the first real snapshot of who are the contenders for this season's College Football Playoff. While there are plenty of teams obviously positioned to compete for a national championship and potential darkhorse candidates, there are clearly some that have the summer hype train at over capacity.

Whether it's built off last season's finish or some hyped up additions, there are some squads that have too much excitement to start.

Now, it's not saying they will have a disappointing season. For all we know, they could be playing meaningful football in January. But these teams need to prove something before we can say they deserve the number next to their name.

2. Ohio State

The defending national champions are ranked second and are poised to compete for another title, but there are questions regarding the Buckeyes.

Yes, they have arguably two of the best players on both sides of the ball in receiver Jeremiah Smith and safety Caleb Downs. But Ryan Day has to replenish so much from last season's squad, from installing new coordinators while having to replace veterans at quarterback, running back and both lines of the ball.

The Buckeyes have a top five recruiting class, but they're an extremely unproven team that seems to benefit from winning it all last year. Of course, they can erase all concern when they face top ranked Texas in the season opener.

15. Mississippi

Lane Kiffin continues to make Mississippi a respectable squad in the SEC, but like last year, lofty expectations are being put on a Rebels team that has yet to break through.

The 2024 squad felt like Ole Miss' best yet, but it couldn't avoid traps and missed out on the playoff. Now Jaxson Dart and a plethora of talent are gone and Kiffin has to practically rebuild from scratch. He went deep into the transfer portal to replenish the offense, which will be led by sophomore quaterback



SMU quarterback Kevin Jennings looks to pass against Penn State in a College Football Playoff game Dec. 21. SMU is ranked No. 16 in the preseason US LBM Coaches Poll. MATTHEW O'HAREN/IMAGN IMAGES

Austin Simmons. There are holes to fill at receiver and offensive line to keep the high standard established under Dart.

On the plus side, the Rebels have a chance to jump up the rankings with an easy start on the schedule, but it will remain a question whether it is legit until the big games start at the end of September.

16. SMU

Can the Mustangs repeat magic? SMU had a tremendous run to the College Football Playoff in 2024, but it will take a lot for it to get back into the field.

SMU benefits from Kevin Jennings returning under center, and Rhett Lashlee went into the portal to replenish the skill positions that really paved the way for last season's successful run. While the pieces are there, it's worth noting SMU greatly benefited from a relatively easy schedule that avoided the top four teams in the ACC. The schedule in 2025 is much more difficult, with Baylor and TCU in non-conference action and Clemson, Miami and Louisville in conference play.

If SMU can navigate a tougher schedule, they will present a solid argument to the playoff committee to be back in. But a tougher slate makes it tough for the Mustangs to survive.

18. Tennessee

Despite all of the offseason drama in Rocky Top, Tennessee has a favorable starting position. However, Josh Heupel has quite the task to keep a high potent offense.

The loss of Nico Iamaleava was not only tough for the Volunteers after guiding them to the playoff, but it came at a difficult time when there wasn't a wide pool for the Volunteers to look for at signal-caller.

They essentially did a swap with UCLA and brought in Joey Aguilar. Could the former Appalachian State quarterback take over the job? A lot of pressure rests on him trying to guide a young offense. Defense will have to lead.

Tennessee should be a dark horse contender for the SEC title, but they are in the position of what they can do. Right now, it's not a guarantee the Volunteers are contenders. They need to prove something before it should be in the top 20.

23. Brigham Young

Of all the ranked teams, the most questionable one on the list is Brigham Young.

The Cougars fell just short of the playoff and had a real shot of contend-

ing in the Big 12 again. But the outlook drastically changed when Jake Retzlaff departed the team. Now whomever wins the job will have the Cougars rolling with a quarterback that doesn't have significant experience, making it look like they won't be able to replicate the magic from 2024.

There's a good shot BYU starts the season 3-0, but the Big 12 scheduling is daunting by mid-October. Don't be shocked if the Cougars are just trying to make sure they are bowl eligible.

Receiving votes: Auburn

Twenty-six teams received votes in the poll, and there's no team that has a bigger question mark and spot than Auburn.

The Tigers earned 50 points, putting them at No. 32 among teams in the rankings.

Sure, the Tigers had some back luck in 2024, but they still went 5-7 and nothing has shown it will take a major step forward. The quarterback room has experience but none of them are proven stars, and they're trying to show they can start. Hugh Freeze showed promise with a strong recruiting effort, but he hasn't shown he can put together a winning team yet in his two seasons at Auburn.

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That unfolded last season, when Alabama and Mississippi got taken out by teams from the SEC's middle or lower tier.

The Big Ten's cream, like No. 2 Ohio State and No. 3 Penn State, is as sweet as the SEC's. The Big Ten's collective strength tapers off more quickly, though. That can assist the Big Ten's top playoff contenders.

The Big Ten has fewer ranked teams, but with four positioned inside the top 12, it's as well positioned – if not better positioned – to produce as many or more playoff qualifiers as the SEC.

Here's an example of what this looks like in practice: No. 12 Illinois will play two teams ranked in the preseason Top 25. Comparatively, No. 17 Florida will play seven teams ranked in the preseason. You'd rather pursue the spot from Illinois' position, than Florida's.

If the playoff doubled in size to 24 teams, the SEC's depth of ranked teams would position it to claim the most bids. With this 12-team playoff, the Big Ten enjoys solid footing.

• Nick Saban factor officially gone from Alabama

Alabama's No. 8 ranking seems appropriate. The Crimson Tide upgraded at wide receiver and in the defensive backfield ahead of Kalen DeBoer's second season, but there's enough question marks to maintain skepticism. Like, will quarterback Ty Simpson go boom or bust?

Nick Saban, because of his track record, could transition to an unproven quarterback without losing the benefit of the doubt. This ranking shows that the rinse-and-repeat respect voters be-

stowed upon Saban's Alabama in the preseason already has waned since his retirement. It also shows how quickly a team's reputation can go from elite to just pretty good after a coaching change.

Alabama's No. 8 position marks its lowest preseason ranking since it went unranked in 2008, ahead of Saban's second season.

DeBoer's mission is to get the Tide back into the playoff – and to restore Alabama's aura.

• Pressure is on ... Penn State

There's pressure on Texas and Arch Manning to live up to the hype. That's obvious.

But, No. 3 Penn State also faces a momentous season, with its loftiest preseason ranking since being tapped No. 2 in 1997.

That year, Joe Paterno's Nittany Li-

ons kept their No. 2 ranking going into November, until getting trounced by Michigan and finishing 9-3.

Penn State's ranking reflects its possession of highly acclaimed veteran quarterback Drew Allar, plus one of the nation's best backfields. Penn State upgraded its wide receivers through the transfer market.

On both sides of the ball, proven veterans fill Penn State's lineup. Credit James Franklin for elevating the program to this perch. Also, question whether Franklin can take it to the highest perch.

Penn State's failures in the biggest moments under Franklin are well-documented. He's 0-6 against Ohio State coach Ryan Day.

Fortunately for Franklin, it's possible to win a national championship without



Kalen DeBoer, shown during a July 31 practice, is entering his second season as Alabama's football coach. GARY COSBY JR./USA TODAY NETWORK

beating the Buckeyes, just as it became possible for Day to capture his first national title without beating Michigan.

Penn State enjoys a cushy schedule. Franklin assembled a team good enough to win a national championship, but a history that says he won't.

• 12 will remain more interesting, but less respected, than ACC

No. 6 Clemson gives the ACC a national championship contender, making the Big 12 the only Power Four league that lacks team in the top 10 – but the conference will be more fun to monitor than the ACC.

The rankings reflect this. Clemson, No. 10 Miami and No. 16 SMU account for the ACC's only ranked teams. I'd be surprised if a team from outside this trio won the ACC. In the Big 12, I struggle to produce a list of teams that absolutely can't win the conference.

The Big 12 tucked five teams inside the Top 25, with several more receiving votes. It remains the nation's most unpredictable conference, after Arizona State won the league last year despite being picked to finish last.

Entertaining though it will be, how much will the selection committee respect the Big 12's anyone-can-beat-anyone nature? Last year, the committee persistently undervalued the conference.

A parity-filled conference like the Big 12 becomes great for entertainment, but the ACC's top teams establishing separation is better for its playoff hunt.

• Coaches poll's overrated, underrated teams

Overrated teams include No. 13 South Carolina, No. 17 Florida and No. 19 Indiana.

Underrated teams include No. 6 Clemson, No. 20 Kansas State, No. 24 Texas Tech, unranked Oklahoma and unranked Baylor.

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TUESDAY’S ROUNDUP

Peralta tallies 13th win in Brewers’ victory

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Freddy Peralta became the first National League player to reach 13 wins on Tuesday when he pitched the visiting Milwaukee Brewers to a 7-2 win over the Atlanta Braves, extending their winning streak to five games.

The Brewers have won 11 of their last 12 road games and hold a 3-2 lead over the Braves in the season series.

The veteran right-hander battled through five innings and threw 108 pitches, matching his season high. Peralta (13-5) allowed one run on four hits, three walks and seven strikeouts.

Nick Mears followed with a scoreless inning, Aaron Ashby allowed one run in two innings, and Grant Anderson closed the game with a scoreless ninth.

The Brewers broke a scoreless tie by scoring four runs with two outs in the third inning. With the bases loaded, Christian Yelich placed an infield single that drove in a run.

Wentz followed with a wild pitch that scored Joey Ortiz, and Andrew Vaughn singled home two runs on the 12th pitch of the at-bat.

Rangers 2, Yankees 0

Rowdy Tellez’s two-run single in the eighth provided the winning runs and backed Nathan Eovaldi’s superb eight innings of one-hit pitching as Texas beat slumping New York in Arlington, Texas.

Tellez’s bases-loaded, game-winning hit off Yankees closer Devin Williams (3-4) drove in Adolis Garcia, who had doubled, and Joc Pederson, who had walked. Williams struggled for the second straight game after surrendering the game-tying home run to Pederson in the ninth on Monday in a game the Rangers won 8-5 in 10 innings.

Eovaldi (10-3), the American League pitcher of the month for July, retired the first eight batters he faced until a two-out double in the third by Anthony Volpe. That was the only baserunner he would allow, leaving after eight innings for the newly acquired Phil Maton, who earned his third save of the season and first for the Rangers.

Eovaldi’s one-hit, no-walk appearance included six strikeouts and lowered his ERA from 1.49 to 1.38.

Giants 8, Pirates 1

Logan Webb struck out 10 and allowed one run over six innings to lead San Francisco to a victory over host Pittsburgh.

Webb (10-8) put together his second consecutive solid start in less than a week against the Pirates to score the Giants’ first win in five tries this season against Pittsburgh.

It was Webb’s sixth start with 10 or more strikeouts. He allowed seven hits and one walk.

Bryan Reynolds had two hits to lead the Pirates, who had a brief two-game win streak snapped and lost for only the fourth time in their past 14 games.

Christian Koss hit a two-run home run to center field off Pirates starter Mike Burrows (1-4) in the third inning to open the scoring.

Pittsburgh answered in the bottom of the inning when Reynolds singled with the bases loaded and one out to score Isiah Kiner-Falefa and cut the deficit to 2-1. But Oneil Cruz struck out and Nick Gonzales grounded out to end the threat.

Blue Jays 10, Rockies 4

Daulton Varsho homered twice, doubled and drove in a career-best six runs as Toronto beat Colorado in Denver.

Vladimir Guerrero homered among his three hits, Nathan Lukes and Addison Barger also went deep for Toronto, which will shoot for a three-game series sweep on Wednesday. Lukes, Bo Bichette and Alejandro Kirk had two hits each.

Hunter Goodman homered and singled for the Rockies, who have lost three in a row.

Both teams had players exit the game with injuries.

Colorado lost third baseman Orlando Arcia in the fifth inning when he hurt his right arm on a single to right, and second baseman Thairo Estrada left at the end of the sixth with a right leg injury sustained running to first base on a double play.

Blue Jays left fielder Joey Loperfido came out in the sixth inning after he was hit outside his right knee by a 98 mph fastball from Colorado reliever Angel Chivilli.



Rangers starting pitcher Nathan Eovaldi throws during the eighth inning against the New York Yankees on Tuesday in Arlington, Texas. KEVIN JAIRAJ/IMAGN IMAGES

Guardians 3, Mets 2

Steven Kwan delivered a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning for visiting Cleveland, which remained red hot with a come-from-behind win over slumping New York.

The Guardians have won the first two games of the three-game interleague series to improve to 18-7 since July 7 – the third-best record in baseball in that span behind only the Milwaukee Brewers and Boston Red Sox. Cleveland has won six of its past seven games.

The Mets, who led 2-0 after two innings thanks to Pete Alonso’s sac fly and Tyrone Taylor’s RBI single, have lost seven of eight, including four of the first five games on a six-game homestand.

Cleveland’s Kyle Manzardo and Gabriel Arias each had RBI singles in the fourth against Clay Holmes before the Guardians mounted a two-out rally in the seventh against Tyler Rogers (4-4).

Twins 6, Tigers 3

Luke Keaschall blasted his first career homer off former Minnesota teammate Chris Paddack as the visiting Twins downed Detroit.

Keaschall, who was activated from the injured list on Tuesday after recovering from a forearm fracture, added a run-scoring single. Ryan Jeffers had two doubles, scored two runs and drove in another. Kody Clemens supplied three hits, a run scored and an RBI while Trevor Larnach contributed a solo homer.

Winning pitcher Zebby Matthews (3-3) gave up one run on five hits while striking out six and walking one in five innings. Justin Topa recorded the last three outs for his first save of the season.

Paddack (4-10) was making his second start for Detroit after being acquired from the Twins early last week. He gave up four runs and six hits in four innings.

Red Sox 6, Royals 2

Behind 2-for-4 efforts and a combined five RBIs from Wilyer Abreu and Trevor Story, Boston scored five runs across the sixth and seventh innings en route to a win over visiting Kansas City.

The middle-of-the-order duo supported starter Garrett Crochet (13-4), who earned his sixth consecutive win after dealing seven innings of four-hit, two-run ball with eight strikeouts.

Story drove in three with RBI hits in each of those multi-run innings, including a go-ahead, two-run single into center field in the sixth.

Jarren Duran and Romy Gonzalez also had 2-for-4 nights for Boston, which has won seven straight games and four straight series.

Maikel Garcia went 2-for-3 with an RBI double and a run for Kansas City.

Gonzalez’s one-out single in the third marked the first hit for either side and set the table for the Red Sox to take a 1-0 lead.

Reds 5, Cubs 1

Spencer Steer belted a three-run homer and Zack Littell tossed seven strong innings in his Cincinnati debut, fueling the visiting Reds to a victory over Chicago.

Steer had an RBI single in the fifth inning and launched his 13th homer of the season to snap a 1-1 tie in the seventh.

Miguel Andujar joined Steer, Jose Trevino and TJ Friedl by recording two hits and Santiago Espinal added a sacrifice fly to propel Cincinnati to its second straight victory to begin the three-game series.

The offense was more than enough for Littell (9-8), who allowed one run on three hits and struck out eight batters. He was acquired from the Tampa Bay Rays prior to the trade deadline last week.

Littell’s lone blemish was Matt Shaw’s solo homer with one out in the fifth inning.

Astros 7, Marlins 3

Yainer Diaz slugged a three-run homer, Jose Altuve added a two-run shot and Houston defeated host Miami.

The Astros, who will look for a three-game sweep on Wednesday afternoon, also got a two-run triple from Jeremy Pena.

Houston went with a pre-planned bullpen game, with opener Steven Okert tossing 1½ innings of one-run ball. Rookie reliever AJ Blubaugh (1-1) pitched five innings and was credited with his first major league win. He allowed two runs on three hits and one walk while striking out five.

Miami starter Cal Quantrill (4-9) gave up nine hits, three walks and seven runs in 4½ innings.

He fanned two. In his three previous starts, he had allowed just one run in 16 innings.

Jakob Marsee, Miami’s rookie center fielder, went 2-for-2 with his first major league homer and a walk. In five big-league games, Marsee is 6-for-12 with one single, three doubles, one triple, one homer and five walks.

Phillies 5, Orioles 0

Taijuan Walker pitched six solid innings and Max Kepler hit a two-run homer as host Philadelphia topped Baltimore.

Brandon Marsh also homered for Philadelphia, which has won three games in a row. Kepler and Marsh finished with two hits apiece for the hosts, as did Bryson Stott. The Phillies pounded out 10 hits in all.

Walker (4-5) allowed four hits without a walk and struck out four batters in lowering his ERA to 3.53. He worked around a hit in the first, second, fourth and fifth innings and battled through a hit batter in the sixth.

Baltimore managed only five singles – two by Jordan Westburg – in losing for the fifth time in six games. Dean Kremer (8-8) allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings with six strikeouts and one walk.

The Phillies did the bulk of their damage in the second inning, when Nick Castellanos singled with one out against Kremer and Marsh followed with an RBI double.

Athletes 16, Nationals 7

Shea Langeliers had five hits, including three solo home runs, and the visiting Athletics beat Washington.

JJ Bleday had four hits, including a home run, and drove in six runs as the A’s pounded out 24 hits. Darell Hernaiz had two hits, including a homer, and Brent Rooker had four hits and three RBIs.

It was the second career three-homer game for Langeliers, who added a double and a single.

Luis Severino (6-11) earned the win, allowing three runs on five hits over six innings.

Luis Garcia Jr. had three hits and Nathaniel Lowe walked four times for Washington, which has lost six straight and given up 54 runs in its past four games.

MacKenzie Gore (4-12) gave up eight runs on 12 hits in three-plus innings.

Rays 7, Angels 3

Brandon Lowe hit a two-run home run and Jake Mangum had a two-run single to highlight a seven-run fourth inning that led Tampa Bay to a victory over Los Angeles in Anaheim, Calif.

Ryan Pepiot (7-9) improved to 3-0 in three career starts against the Angels, snapping a five-start winless streak in the process. Pepiot, who began the game throwing four perfect innings, allowed three runs (two earned) on five hits over 5⅓ innings. He walked two and struck out six as the Rays won for just the second time in their last 13 road games.

Jo Adell went 2-for-4 with a home run and three RBIs for Los Angeles, which had a two-game winning streak snapped. Jose Soriano (7-9) permitted seven runs on seven hits over four innings. He walked one and struck out four.

Soriano didn’t allow a hit in the first three innings but gave up seven hits in the fourth, including five straight to start the frame, as Tampa Bay exploded for seven runs.

Mariners 8, White Sox 3

Eugenio Suarez hit a tiebreaking home run, his first since being re-acquired at the trade deadline, as Seattle defeated visiting Chicago in the opener of a three-game series.

Right-hander Bryan Woo (9-6) allowed one run on two hits over seven innings while Dominic Canzone and Josh Naylor also went deep for the Mariners, who improved to 4-1 on their 10-game homestand.

Lenyn Sosa, Luis Robert Jr. and Colson Montgomery homered for the White Sox, who had won 10 of their previous 15 games.

Sosa went deep with one out in the first inning, hitting a blast off the roof of the Mariners’ bullpen in left-center field to open the scoring.

The only other hit Woo allowed was a two-out double to right by Kyle Teel in the second inning. Woo retired the final 16 batters he faced and matched a career-high with nine strikeouts.

Canzone tied the score with a solo shot to right-center in the second off White Sox starter Davis Martin (3-9).

Dodgers 12, Cardinals 6

Max Muncy and Teoscar Hernandez each erupted for two home runs and four RBIs and Los Angeles rolled to a victory over visiting St. Louis.

Muncy’s four-hit night came in his second game back from the injured list, while right-hander Emmet Sheehan (3-2) gave up two runs on four hits over five innings as the Dodgers improved to 8-9 since the All-Star break.

Mookie Betts had three hits to end an 0-for-22 slump, while Hernandez also had three hits. Los Angeles was 10-15 while Muncy was out with a bruised bone in his left knee.

Nolan Gorman and Willson Contreras hit home runs for the Cardinals, who lost for the fifth time in their past six games. Right-hander Miles Mikolas (6-9) gave up five runs on seven hits over three innings as St. Louis dropped to 3-2 against Los Angeles this season.

Shohei Ohtani got the Dodgers’ offense going in the first inning with a leadoff double before scoring on a Freddie Freeman fly ball. Muncy followed with a home run to right for a 2-0 lead.

Padres 10, D-backs 5 (11 innings)

Luis Arraez hit a tiebreaking single to spark a five-run 11th inning and San Diego overcame a pair of two-run homers by Lourdes Gurriel Jr. for an 11-inning victory over Arizona in Phoenix.

Ramon Laureano had three hits and three RBIs, Manny Machado added three hits and Jake Cronenworth finished with two hits and two RBIs for the Padres, who have won eight of 10.

Arraez, Laureano and Freddy Fermin had RBIs off Jake Woodford (0-2) in the 11th, which also included Jackson Merrill’s sacrifice fly and a run-scoring fielder’s choice from Cronenworth.

Gurriel homered for a 2-0 lead off Padres starter Yu Darvish in the first and tied the game at 5-5 with his second in the eighth inning off Mason Miller.

Robert Suarez (4-4) stranded two runners in both the ninth and the 10th innings.

He internationally walked Ketel Marte to put runners on first and second with no outs in the 10th but got Geraldito Perdomo to fly out before inducing a double-play grounder from Gurriel.

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TUESDAY'S BOX SCORES

Cleveland 3, N.Y. Mets 2

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Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Kwan lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.285
Schneemann rf	1	0	0	0	1	1	.232
Jones rf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.216
Ramirez 3b	4	1	0	0	0	1	.296
Manzardo dh	3	0	1	1	0	0	.235
b-Santana ph-dh	1	0	0	0	0	0	.229
Naylor c	3	0	0	0	1	1	.179
a-Fry ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.172
Hedges c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.133
Arias ss	4	0	1	0	2	.236	
Martinez cf	4	0	0	0	1	1	.233
Kayfus 1b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.167
Rocchio 2b	4	0	1	0	0	2	.231
Totals	33	3	6	3	1	9	

N.Y. Mets	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Lindor ss	4	0	0	0	0	1	.251
Naylor lf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.233
Soto rf	2	0	0	0	2	2	.249
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0	2	1	.267
Nimmo lf	4	0	0	0	0	2	.255
Mentles 3b	4	1	1	0	0	1	.232
McNeil 2b	3	1	0	0	1	0	.252
McNulty c	3	0	1	0	1	1	.247
Taylor of	3	0	1	0	0	1	.200
Totals	29	2	4	2	4	9	

N.Y. Mets
 Marte dh 4 0 0 0 0 0 .269
 Lindor ss 3 1 0 0 1 0 .251
 Soto rf 2 0 0 0 2 2 .249
 Alonso lf 3 0 0 1 0 0 .267
 Nimmo lf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .295
 Vientos 3b 4 1 1 0 0 1 .232
 McNeil 2b 3 0 1 0 0 1 .252
 Alvarez c 3 0 0 0 0 1 .247
 Taylor cf 3 0 1 1 0 0 .200
Totals 29 2 4 2 4 9

a-flied out for Naylor in 8th. b-lined out for Manzardo in 8th.
E: Kayfus. **2B:** Vientos (14). **RBI:** Kwan (39), Manzardo (49), Arias (39), Alonso (91), Taylor (19). **SB:** Soto (17). **SF:** Alonso. **S:** McNeil. **Runners left in scoring position:** Cleveland 4 (Ramirez 2, Naylor, Martinez), N.Y. Mets 4 (Lindor 2, Nimmo 2). **RISP:** Cleveland 3 for 9, N.Y. Mets 1 for 5. **GIDP:** Lindor. **DP:** Cleveland 1.

Cleveland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Allen	5.0	4	2	2	4	6	88	4.04
Festa W, 3-2	1.0	0	0	0	0	2	14	4.46
Allard H, 2	1.1	0	0	0	0	1	16	2.54
Junis H, 5	0.2	0	0	0	0	4	319	
Smith S, 4	1.0	0	0	0	0	17	2.86	

N.Y. Mets
 Holmes 5.0 3 2 2 2 1 6 75 3.46
 Soto 1.0 0 0 0 0 0 8 0.00
 Rogers L, 4-4 1.0 3 1 1 0 0 23 1.87
 Raley 1.0 0 0 0 0 1 14 0.00
 Helsley 1.0 0 0 0 0 2 13 2.77

HBP: Schneemann 2. **WP:** Allen. **Balk:** Allen (1). **Umpires:** HP-Tichenor, 1B-Hamari, 2B-Hanahan, 3B-Ceja. T: 2:27. A: 39,895 (41,922).

Boston 6, Kansas City 2

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Kansas City	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Inda 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.236
Witt Jr. ss	4	1	0	0	1	1	.287
Pasquantino 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.261
Garcia 3b	3	1	2	1	1	1	.300
Perez dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	.253
Grichuk rf	6	2	4	0	1	1	.208
c-Yastrzemski ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Loftin lf	3	0	0	0	0	2	.207
b-Frazier ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.231
Malle c	3	0	1	0	2	2	.247
Rave cf	3	0	0	0	0	0	.175
Totals	33	2	5	2	1	8	

Boston
 Duran cf-if 4 1 2 1 0 0 .264
 Bregman 3b 2 2 2 0 0 2 .295
 Abreu rf 4 1 2 2 0 1 .252
 Story ss 4 0 2 3 0 1 .259
 Yoshida lf 2 0 0 0 0 .240
 a-Rafaela pr-cf 1 0 0 0 0 .266
 Narvaez c 4 0 0 0 0 .248
 Toro 1b 4 0 0 0 0 .256
 Gonzalez dh 4 1 2 0 0 .301
 Hamilton 2b 3 1 0 0 1 .176
Totals 32 6 9 6 4 2

a-ran for Yoshida in 6th. b-grounded out for Loftin in 9th. c-fouled out for Grichuk in 9th.
E: Bregman. **2B:** Garcia (29), Grichuk (1), Duran (31), Abreu (14). **3B:** Witt Jr. (4). **RBI:** Garcia (50), Grichuk (2), Duran (64), Abreu 2 (62), Story 3 (72). **Runners left in scoring position:** Kansas City 3 (Perez, Frazier, Maile), Boston 3 (Bregman, Rafaela, Narvaez). **RISP:** Kansas City 1 for 8, Boston 4 for 7. **GIDP:** Narvaez. **DP:** Kansas City 1.

Inherited runners: Zerpa 1-0, Lynch IV 2-2.
WP: Hicks. **Umpires:** HP-Moscato,
 1B-Rackley, 2B-Guccione, 3B-Whitson. T:
 2:20. A: 37,013 (37,755).

Boston
 Crochet W, 13-4 7.0 4 2 2 1 8105 2.24
 Weissert 1.0 0 0 0 0 0 17 2.81
 Hicks 1.0 1 0 0 0 0 17 3.86

Inherited runners: Zerpa 1-0, Lynch IV 2-2. **WP:** Hicks. **Umpires:** HP-Moscoso, 1B-Rackley, 2B-Guccione, 3B-Whitson. T: 2:20. A: 37,013 (37,755).

Athletics 16, Washington 7

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 WAS.....000 102 004 - 7 10 0

Athletics	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Langeliers c	6	4	5	3	0	0	.272
Maciver c	0	0	0	0	0	0	.245
Kurtz 1b	4	4	3	0	2	0	.311
Rooker dh	6	3	4	0	0	0	.275
Bleday cf	6	2	4	6	1	1	.219
Thomas rf	5	1	1	0	1	0	.133
Hernaiz ss	4	1	2	3	1	0	.318
Soderstrom lf	5	0	2	1	1	1	.259
Urshela 3b	6	0	0	0	2	2	.233
Schuemann 2b	6	1	0	0	0	3	.204
Totals	48	16	24	16	5	9	

Washington
 Abrams ss 5 1 1 0 0 1 .273
 Wood lf 3 1 1 0 0 0 .256
 Hassell III lf 1 1 1 0 0 0 .241
 Adams 3b 5 2 3 2 0 1 .265
 Bell dh 4 0 1 0 0 1 .226
 Lowe 1b 4 1 1 0 0 0 .221
 House 3b 3 0 1 1 3 1 .254
 Lile rf 5 0 0 0 0 3 .247
 Millis c 4 1 2 0 0 0 .264
 Young cf 4 1 1 0 0 1 .337
Totals 35 7 10 7 5 8

2B: Langeliers (19), Kurtz (19), Rooker 2 (26), Bleday (12), Urshela (13), Hassell III (3). **HR:** Langeliers 3 (22), Bleday (10), Hernaiz (2). **RBI:** Langeliers 3 (48), Rooker 3 (66), Bleday 6 (29), Hernaiz 3 (4), Soderstrom (65), Hassell III (13), Garcia Jr. 2 (50), Lowe (64), House 3 (18). **SB:** Thomas (1). **SF:** Hernaiz, House. **Runners left in scoring position:** Athletics 7 (Langeliers, Bleday, Hernaiz, Soderstrom, Schuemann 3), Washington 4 (House, Lile 3). **RISP:** Athletics 7 for 18, Washington 4 for 9. **GIDP:** Rooker, Bleday. **DP:** Washington 2.

Houston 7, Miami 3									
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MIA.....	010	010	100	–	3	5	0		
Houston		AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.	
Pena ss		5	0	1	2	0	1	.322	

Washington
 Gore L, 4-12 3.0 12 8 8 1 0 60 4.29
 Beeter 1.0 1 1 1 2 3 30 9.00
 Ribalta 1.0 1 1 1 1 24 5.59
 Poulin 1.0 2 0 0 0 0 13 0.00
 Lara 2.0 8 6 6 1 143 8.79
 Rutledge 1.0 0 0 0 0 3 22 6.35

Gore pitched to 2 batters in the 4th. **Inherited runners:** Bido 3-3, Beeter 1-0. **HBP:** Wood, Bell. **WP:** Nunez. **Umpires:** HP-Vondrak, 1B-Randazzo, 2B-Cuzzi, 3B-Bellino. T: 3:10. A: 21,636 (41,565).

Houston 7, Miami 3

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 MIA.....010 000 100 - 3 5 0

Houston	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Pena ss	5	0	1	2	0	1	.322
Sanchez lf	5	1	2	0	0	0	.300
McCormick cf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.227
Altuve dh	4	1	2	2	1	0	.281
Correa 3b	4	1	2	0	1	1	.268
Walker 1b	5	1	1	0	1	0	.235
Diaz c	4	1	1	3	0	0	.255
Smith rf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.255
Dubon c-if	4	1	1	0	0	0	.265
Urias 2b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.247
Totals	38	7	12	7	3	3	

Miami
 Edwards 2b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .239
 Ramirez dh 3 0 0 0 0 1 .293
 Stowers lf 3 0 0 0 0 1 .233
 Lopez ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .244
 Hernandez rf 4 0 0 0 0 0 .255
 Hicks c 4 0 0 0 0 0 .245
 Waganman 1b 2 1 1 1 1 2 .233
 Marsee cf 2 1 2 2 1 0 .500
 a-Hyers ph 1 0 0 0 0 1 .245
 Sanoja 3b 4 0 0 0 0 0 .246
Totals 32 3 5 3 4 9

a-struck out for Marsee in 9th. **2B:** Sanchez (3), Walker (17), Urias (13), Hernandez (6). **3B:** Pena (2). **HR:** Altuve (19), Diaz (16), Waganman (6), Marsee (1). **RBI:** Pena 2 (43), Altuve 2 (59), Diaz 3 (50), Waganman (35), Marsee 2 (53). **Runners left in scoring position:** Houston 5 (Sanchez 2, Walker 2, Urias), Miami 2 (Waganman, Sanoja). **RISP:** Houston 2 for 7, Miami 1 for 4. **GIDP:** Correa. **DP:** Miami 1.

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Okert	1.2	1	1	1	0	2	26	.298
Obu	0.1	0	0	0	0	10	4.86	
Blubaugh W, 1-1	5.0	3	2	2	1	5	70	4.00
Abreu	1.0	0	0	0	1	15	1.75	
Hader	1.0	0	0	0	1	29	2.13	

Miami
 Quantrill L, 4-9 4.1 9 7 7 3 2 81 5.21
 Bellazo 3.2 2 0 0 0 0 44 3.47
 Simpson 1.0 1 0 0 0 1 13 5.87



The Toronto Blue Jays' Daulton Varsho hits a two-run home run in the sixth inning against the Colorado Rockies on Aug. 5 at Coors Field in Denver. ISAIAH J. DOWNING/IMAGN IMAGES



San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Logan Webb delivers to the plate against the Pirates on Aug. 5 in Pittsburgh. CHARLES LECLAIRE/IMAGN IMAGES

Inherited runners: Ort 1-0, Bellozo 1-1. **Umpires:** HP-Ramos, 1B-Traynor, 2B-Torres, 3B-Barrett. T: 2:41. A: 12,186 (37,446).

San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 1

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Ramos lf	3	1	2	0	2	0	.275
Devers dh	4	1	1	1	2	0	.228
Adames ss	5	1	2	2	0	1	.232
Chapman 3b	5	0	1	0	0	0	.231
Smith 1b	5	1	1	0	1	0	.265
Encarnacion rf	5	1	1	0	1	0	.148
Lee cf	4	1	1	0	1	0	.258
Bailey c	3	1	1	2	0	0	.207
Kosz 2b	4	1	1	2	0	2	.262
AB	38	8	11	8	4	8	
Pittsburgh	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Horwitz 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	.263
Pham lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.267
Reynolds rf	4	0	2	0	0	2	.239
Crutcher dh	4	0	0	0	0	2	.230
Gonzales 2b	4	0	0	1	0	2	.270
Suwinski cf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.120
Davis c	4	0	1	0	2	2	.164
Wright 3b	2	0	1	0	1	0	.167
Kiner-Falefa 3b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.271
Totals	33	1	7	1	13		

Pittsburgh
 Horowitz 1b 4 0 1 0 0 0 .263
 Pham lf 4 0 1 0 0 0 .267
 Reynolds rf 4 0 1 0 0 0 .229
 Cruz dh 4 0 0 0 0 1 .209
 Gonzalez cf 4 0 0 0 0 2 .270
 Suwinski cf 4 0 1 0 0 0 .232
 Davis c 4 0 0 0 0 0 .264
 Triolo ss 2 0 1 0 0 1 .166
 Kiner-Falefa 3b 3 1 1 0 0 1 .271
Totals 33 1 7 1 1 13

E: Pham, Horwitz, 2B: Lee (26), Reynolds (24), Suwinski (2). **HR:** Adames (18), Encarnacion (1), Koss (3). **RBI:** Devers (20), Adames 2 (61), Encarnacion (1), Bailey 2 (33), Koss 2 (14), Reynolds (53). **Runners left in scoring position:** San Francisco 4 (Devers, Adames, Lee 2), Pittsburgh 4 (Cruz, Gonzalez 2, Davis). **RISP:** San Francisco 2 for 6, Pittsburgh 2 for 6. **GIDP:** Adames, Kiner-Falefa. **DP:** San Francisco 1, Pittsburgh 1.

Minnesota 6, Detroit 3

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Minnesota	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Martin cf	4	0	0	0	0	0	.222
Waller rf	3	1	0	0	2	0	.214
Jeffers dh	5	2	2	1	0	2	.257
Clemens 1b	4	1	3	0	0	0	.164
Keaschall 2b	4	1	2	3	0	0	.391
Lewis 3b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.245
Lamarch lf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.246
Roden lf	0	0	0	0	0	0	.189
Lee ss	3	0	0	0	1	0	.174
Vazquez c	3	0	0	0	1	0	.242
Totals	33	6	9	6	5	2	

Detroit
 Keith 3b 3 1 1 0 0 1 .262
 b-Ibanez ph-3b 2 0 0 0 0 0 .227
 Vierling cf 4 1 2 0 0 1 .270
 Carpenter dh 4 0 2 1 0 1 .263
 Torikelson 1b 4 1 1 0 1 .268
 Perez rf 3 0 1 0 1 .270
 Jones lf 4 0 1 2 0 .239
 McKinstry 2b 4 0 1 0 1 .269
 Baez ss 4 0 0 0 0 0 .189
 Rogers c 3 0 0 0 0 0 .183
 a-Dingler ph 1 0 0 0 0 .271
Totals 36 3 9 3 1 10

a-grounded out for Rogers in 9th. b-flied out for Keith in 7th.

E: McKinstry. **2B:** Jeffers 2 (21), Clemens 2 (9), Keith (17), Vierling (3), Carpenter (14). **3B:** Jones (1). **HR:** Keaschall (1), Larnach (15). **RBI:** Jeffers (36), Clemens (33), Keaschall 3 (5), Larnach (48), Carpenter (39), Jones 2 (10). **CS:** Martin (1), Keaschall (1). **SB:** Martin (1). **S:** Martin. **Runners left in scoring position:** Minnesota 3 (Jeffers 2, Keaschall), Detroit 4 (Ibanez, Carpenter, Torkelson, McKinstry). **RISP:** Minnesota 3 for 8, Detroit 2 for 8. **GIDP:** Keaschall. **DP:** Detroit 1.

Philadelphia 5, Baltimore 0

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Philadelphia	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Holliday 2b	4	0	0	0	0	1	.254
Westburg 3b	3	0	2	0	0	0	.277
Henderson ss	4	0	0	0	2	0	.283
Rutschman c	4	0	1	0	0	0	.234</

SCOREBOARD

All times Eastern				
MLB				
American League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	67	48	.583	—
Boston	64	51	.557	3
N.Y. Yankees	60	54	.526	6½
Tampa Bay	56	59	.487	11
Baltimore	51	63	.447	15½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	66	49	.574	—
Cleveland	58	55	.513	7
Kansas City	56	58	.491	9½
Minnesota	53	60	.469	12
Chi. White Sox	42	71	.372	23

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	64	50	.561	—
Seattle	61	53	.535	3
Texas	60	55	.522	4½
L.A. Angels	55	59	.482	9
Athletics	50	65	.435	14½

National League				
East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	65	48	.575	—
N.Y. Mets	63	51	.553	2½
Miami	55	57	.491	9½
Atlanta	47	65	.420	17½
Washington	44	68	.393	20½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	69	44	.611	—
Chicago Cubs	65	48	.575	4
Cincinnati	60	54	.526	9½
St. Louis	57	58	.496	13
Pittsburgh	49	65	.430	20½

West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Dodgers	66	48	.579	—
San Diego	63	51	.553	3
San Francisco	57	57	.500	9
Arizona	54	60	.474	12
Colorado	30	83	.265	35½

Monday's Scores				
Detroit 6, Minnesota 3				
Pittsburgh 5, San Francisco 4				
Houston 8, Miami 2				
Philadelphia 13, Baltimore 3				
Boston 8, Kansas City 5				
Cleveland 7, N.Y. Mets 6				
Milwaukee 3, Atlanta 1				
Cincinnati 3, Chicago Cubs 2				
Texas 8, N.Y. Yankees 5				
Toronto 15, Colorado 1				
L.A. Angels 5, Tampa Bay 1				
Arizona 6, San Diego 2				
St. Louis 3, L.A. Dodgers 2				

Tuesday's Scores				
Minnesota 6, Detroit 3				
San Francisco 8, Pittsburgh 1				
Houston 7, Miami 3				
Athletics 16, Washington 7				
Philadelphia 5, Baltimore 0				
Boston 6, Kansas City 2				
Cleveland 3, N.Y. Mets 2				
Milwaukee 7, Atlanta 2				
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 1				
Texas 2, N.Y. Yankees 0				
Toronto 10, Colorado 4				
Tampa Bay 7, L.A. Angels 3				
San Diego 10, Arizona 5, 11 innings				
Seattle 8, Chi. White Sox 3				
L.A. Dodgers 12, St. Louis 6				

Wednesday's Games				
Baltimore (Rogers 4-2) at Philadelphia (Suarez 8-4), 12:35 p.m.				
San Francisco (Ray 9-5) at Pittsburgh (Heaney 5-9), 12:35 p.m.				
Minnesota (Woods Richardson 5-4) at Detroit (Flaherty 6-10), 1:10 p.m.				
Cleveland (Williams 6-4) at N.Y. Mets (Peterson 7-4), 1:10 p.m.				
Cincinnati (Abbott 8-1) at Chicago Cubs (Horton 5-3), 2:20 p.m.				

N.Y. Yankees (Rodon 11-7) at Texas (Leiter 7-6), 2:35 p.m.
Toronto (Gausman 7-8) at Colorado (Senzatela 4-14), 3:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Baz 8-8) at L.A. Angels (Anderson 2-7), 4:07 p.m.
St. Louis (Liberatore 6-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Ohtani 0-0), 4:10 p.m.
Houston (Brown 9-5) at Miami (Junk 5-2), 4:40 p.m.
Athletics (Springs 10-7) at Washington (TBD), 6:45 p.m.
Kansas City (Wacha 5-9) at Boston (May 6-7), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Quintana 8-4) at Atlanta (Strider 5-8), 7:15 p.m.
San Diego (Pivetta 11-3) at Arizona (DeSclafani 1-2), 9:40 p.m.
Chi. White Sox (Cannon 4-8) at Seattle (Kirby 6-5), 9:40 p.m.

MLB Leaders
American League
Batting Average — Judge, New York .342; Pena, Houston .324; Aranda, Tampa Bay .316; Wilson, Athletics .312; Kirk, Toronto .302; Bichette, Toronto .299; Ramirez, Cleveland .299; Garcia, Kansas City .298; Springer, Toronto .291; Clement, Toronto .289.
Home Runs — Raleigh, Seattle 42; Judge, New York 37; Suarez, Seattle 36; Caminerro, Tampa Bay 28; Greene, Detroit 26; Ward, Los Angeles 26; Ramirez, Cleveland 23; Buxton, Minnesota 23; Rooker, Athletics 23; Torkelson, Detroit 23.
RBI — Raleigh, Seattle 88; Suarez, Seattle 87; Judge, New York 85; Ward, Los Angeles 84; Greene, Detroit 84; Bichette, Toronto 74; Caminerro, Tampa Bay 73; Story, Boston 69; Pasquantino, Kansas City 67; Perez, Kansas City 66.
Stolen Bases — Caballero, New York 35; Ramirez, Cleveland 32; Simpson, Tampa Bay 32; Robert Jr., Chicago 29; Witt Jr., Kansas City 29; Arozarena, Seattle 21; Rodriguez, Seattle 21; Neto, Los Angeles 21; Garcia, Kansas City 20; Story, Boston 19.

Wins — Fried, New York 12; Crochet, Boston 12; Rodon, New York 11; Bassitt, Toronto 11; Valdez, Houston 11; Skubal, Detroit 11; deGrom, Texas 10; Ryan, Minnesota 10; Springs, Athletics 10; Mize, Detroit 10.
ERA — Skubal, Detroit 2.18; Crochet, Boston 2.23; Brown, Houston 2.47; Bublic, Kansas City 2.55; Fried, New York 2.78; deGrom, Texas 2.80; Ryan, Minnesota 2.83; Lugo, Houston 2.83; Bello, Boston 3.03; Valdez, Houston 14.4; Ryan, Minnesota 14.1; Klucchi, Los Angeles 13.9; deGrom, Texas 13.5; Fried, New York 13.2.
Saves — Estevez, Kansas City 28; Hader, Houston 28; Hoffman, Toronto 26; Munoz, Seattle 25; Clase, Cleveland 24; Finnegan, Detroit 22; Chapman, Boston 21; Jensen, Los Angeles 20; Bautista, Baltimore 19; Fairbanks, Tampa Bay 18.

National League
Batting Average — Smith, Los Angeles .321; Freeman, Los Angeles .305; Machado, San Diego .299; Arraez, San Diego .296; Frelick, Milwaukee .296; Stowers, Miami .295; Edwards, Miami .294; Hoerner, Chicago .292; Marte, Arizona .291; De La Cruz, Cincinnati .282.
Home Runs — Schwarber, Philadelphia 40; Ohtani, Los Angeles 38; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago 27; Suzuki, Chicago 26; Alonso, New York 25; Soto, New York 25; Stowers, Miami 25; Wood, Washington 24; Carroll, Arizona 22; Yelich, Milwaukee 21.
RBI — Schwarber, Philadelphia 94; Alonso, New York 90; Suzuki, Chicago 82; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago 78; Devers, San

Francisco 77; Perdomo, Arizona 75; Yelich, Milwaukee 73; Ohtani, Los Angeles 73; De La Cruz, Cincinnati 73; Machado, San Diego 72.
Stolen Bases — Cruz, Pittsburgh 34; De La Cruz, Cincinnati 30; Crow-Armstrong, Chicago 29; Scott II, St. Louis 29; Abrams, Washington 26; Turner, Philadelphia 25; Tucker, Chicago 23; Tatis Jr., San Diego 22; Hoerner, Chicago 19; Turang, Milwaukee 19.
Wins — Peralta, Milwaukee 12; Priestner, Milwaukee 11; Praadt, Arizona 11; Boyd, Chicago 11; Pivetta, San Diego 11; Gray, St. Louis 10; Sanchez, Philadelphia 10; Luzardo, Philadelphia 10; Yamamoto, Los Angeles 10; Wheeler, Philadelphia 9.
ERA — Skenes, Pittsburgh 2.02; Boyd, Chicago 2.34; Sanchez, Philadelphia 2.40; Yamamoto, Los Angeles 2.51; Wheeler, Philadelphia 2.64; Pivetta, San Diego 2.73; Peterson, New York 2.83; Ray, San Francisco 2.85; Lodolo, Cincinnati 3.05; Peralta, Milwaukee 3.08.
Strikeouts — Wheeler, Philadelphia 182; Cease, San Diego 162; Webb, San Francisco 155; Skenes, Pittsburgh 154; Gore, Washington 148; Luzzardo, Philadelphia 147; Sanchez, Philadelphia 145; Gray, St. Louis 141; Ray, San Francisco 140; Yamamoto, Los Angeles 139.
Saves — Suarez, San Diego 32; Megill, Milwaukee 25; Pagan, Cincinnati 24; Diaz, New York 23; Helsley, New York 21; Miller, San Diego 20; Scott, Los Angeles 19; Duran, Philadelphia 18; Palencia, Chicago 15; Iglesias, Atlanta 14.

NFL
Preseason
Thursday's Games
Indianapolis at Baltimore, 7 p.m.
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.
Las Vegas at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Friday's Games
Detroit at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Cleveland at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Washington at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Giants at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 4 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Rams, 7 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Arizona, 8 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Green Bay, 8 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Miami at Chicago, 1 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Chargers, 1 p.m.

WNBA				
Eastern Conference				
	W	L	Pct	GB
N.Y. Liberty	19	10	.655	—
Atlanta	18	11	.621	1
Indiana	17	13	.567	2½
Washington	13	16	.448	6
Chicago Sky	8	21	.276	11
Connecticut	5	23	.179	13½
Western Conference				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	25	5	.833	—
Phoenix	18	11	.621	6½
Seattle	16	14	.533	9
Las Vegas	15	14	.517	9½
Golden State	14	14	.500	10
L.A. Sparks	13	15	.464	11
Dallas	8	22	.267	17

Tuesday's Scores				
N.Y. Liberty 85, Dallas 76				
Chicago Sky 78, Washington 64				
L.A. Sparks 100, Indiana 91				
Phoenix 82, Connecticut 66				
Minnesota 91, Seattle 87				

Wednesday's Game

Las Vegas at Golden State, 10 p.m.

SOCCER				
MLS				
Eastern Conference				
	W	L	T	Pts
Philadelphia	15	5	50	43
Cincinnati	15	6	4	49
Nashville	14	6	5	47
Columbus	12	5	8	44
Inter Miami CF	12	4	6	42
Orlando City	11	6	8	41
Charlotte FC	12	11	2	38
NY City FC	11	8	5	38
Chicago	10	9	5	35
NY Red Bulls	9	10	6	33
New England	6	11	7	25
Toronto FC	5	13	6	21
Atlanta	4	11	9	21
D.C. United	4	14	7	19
CF Montreal	4	15	6	18

Western Conference				
	W	L	T	Pts
San Diego FC	14	7	4	46
Vancouver	13	5	6	45
Minnesota	12	5	8	44
Seattle	10	6	8	38
Portland	10	7	7	37
Los Angeles FC	10	6	6	36
Austin FC	9	8	6	33
Real Salt Lake	9	11	4	31
Colorado	8	11	6	30
San Jose	7	10	8	29
Houston	7	11	6	27
FC Dallas	6	11	7	25
Sporting KC	6	12	6	24
Saint Louis	4	14	6	18
L.A. Galaxy	3	14	7	16

Next MLS games: Aug. 9				
	W	L	D	Pts
Kansas City	12	2	0	36
Orlando	8	4	2	26
Washington	8	4	2	26
San Diego	7	3	4	25
Seattle	7	4	3	24
Portland	6	4	4	22
Louisville	6	6	2	20
Gotham	5	4	4	19
North Carolina	5	5	4	19
Bay	5	6	4	19
Angel City	4	7	3	15
Houston	3	9	3	12
Chicago	1	9	4	7
Utah	1	10	3	6

Friday's Games
North Carolina at Houston, 8 pm
Kansas City at Utah, 10 pm
Saturday's Games
Washington at Gotham, noon
Louisville at Orlando, 7:30 pm
Angel City at San Diego, 10 pm
Sunday's Games
Bay at Chicago, 2 pm
Seattle at Portland, 4 pm

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Preseason US LBM Coaches Poll
The US LBM Coaches Poll is conducted weekly throughout the regular season using a panel of head coaches at Football Bowl Subdivision schools. The panel is chosen by random draw, conference by conference plus independents, from a pool of coaches who have indicated to the American Football Coaches Association their willingness to participate. Each coach submits a Top 25 with a first-place vote worth 25 points, second place 24, and so on down to one point for 25th.

	Pts	LW
1 Texas (28)	1606	1
2 Ohio State (20)	1565	2
3 Penn State (14)	1525	3
4 Georgia (3)	1466	4
5 Notre Dame	1360	5
6 Clemson (2)	1324	6

7 Oregon	1307	7
8 Alabama	1210	8
9 LSU	1056	9
10 Miami (FL)	823	10
11 Arizona State	806	11
12 Illinois	734	12
13 South Carolina	665	13
14 Michigan	580	14
15 Ole Miss	573	15
16 SMU	555	16
17 Florida	498	17
18 Tennessee	492	18
19 Indiana	460	19
20 Kansas State	438	20
21 Texas A&M	392	21
22 Iowa State	392	22
23 BYU	287	23
24 Texas Tech	261	24
25 Boise State	246	25

Others receiving votes: Oklahoma 221; Missouri 142; Louisville 126; USC 116; Utah 86; Baylor 76; Auburn 50; Iowa 49; Memphis 34; Army West Point 33; Tulane 31; Georgia Tech 27; TCU 24; Nebraska 19; Syracuse 16; Washington 15; Navy 14; Arkansas 14; Duke 12; Colorado 12; Minnesota 11; UNLV 8; Florida State 8; Kansas 6; Vanderbilt 3; Buffalo 1.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Transactions
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
ATHLETICS — C Willie MacIver Called up from Minors. C Austin Wynns Placed on 10-Day IL Abdominal strain.
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — 2B Terrin Vavra Outrighted to Minors. P Rico Garcia Acquired Off Waivers.
BOSTON RED SOX — P Isaiah Campbell Called up from Minors. P Jorge Alcala Designated for Assignment.
CHICAGO CUBS — P Brooks Kriske Acquired Off Waivers to Minnesota Twins. P Michael Soroka Placed on 15-Day IL Strained right shoulder. P Nate Pearson Called up from Minors.
CHICAGO WHITE SOX — P Owen White Sent to Minors. P Bryan Hudson Called up from Minors.
CINCINNATI REDS — P Nick Lodolo Placed on 15-Day IL Blister on left index finger. P Yosver Zulueta Called up from Minors.
COLORADO ROCKIES — P Carson Palmquist Sent to Minors. P Anthony Molina Called up from Minors.
HOUSTON ASTROS — DH Jon Singleton Signed to a Minor League Contract. P AJ Blubaugh Called up from Minors. John Rooney Sent to Minors.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — 1B Niko Kavadas Called up from Minors. 3B Yoan Moncada Placed on Restricted List.
MIAMI MARLINS — C Rob Brantly Released. 1B Matt Mervis Released.
MINNESOTA TWINS — P Brooks Kriske Acquired Off Waivers. DH Luke Keaschall Removed From 60-Day IL Right forearm fracture. DH Luke Keaschall Recalled From Minors Rehab. RF DaShawn Keirsey Jr. Sent to Minors. P Noah Davis Sent to Minors. P Darren McCaughan Designated for Assignment.
NEW YORK METS — P Rico Garcia Acquired Off Waivers to Baltimore Orioles.
NEW YORK YANKEES — LF Cam Eden Released. RF Austin Slater Placed on 10-Day IL Strained left hamstring. P JT Brubaker Designated for Assignment. P Yerry de los Santos Called up from Minors. RF Aaron Judge Removed From 10-Day IL Flexor strain, right elbow. P Mark Leiter Jr. Removed From 15-Day IL Left fibular head stress fracture. P Mark Leiter Jr. Recalled From Minors Rehab.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — P Jacob Waguespack Signed to a Minor League Contract. P Joe Ross Removed From 15-Day IL Back spasms. P Joe Ross Recalled From Minors Rehab. P Seth

Johnson Sent to Minors.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — P Johan Oviedo Sent to Minors. Cam Sanders Purchased From Minors.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — C Ali Sanchez Designated for Assignment. 1B Buddy Kennedy Purchased From Minors.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — P Zach Brzykcy Sent to Minors. P Clayton Beeter Called up from Minors.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — CB Daryl Porter Jr. signed to Pittsburgh Steelers. DE Justin Hollins signed.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — WR Michael Woods II cut. CB Anthony Kendall cut. QB Tyler Huntley signed/unrestricted free agent.
DALLAS COWBOYS — WR Parris Campbell cut.
DETROIT LIONS — RB Anthony Tyus III signed to Seattle Seahawks. QB Teddy Bridgewater signed/unrestricted free agent to Tampa Bay Buccaneers One-year contract (through 2025). RB Kye Robichaux Placed on IR undisclosed.
GREEN BAY PACKERS — WR Sam Brown Jr. cut. G LECTUS Smith signed.
HOUSTON TEXANS — WR Jared Wayne cut. TE Dalton Keene re-signed/unrestricted free agent.
LAS VEGAS RAIDERS — CB Jakorian Bennett traded to Philadelphia Eagles for DT Thomas Booker. DT Thomas Booker IV traded for CB Jakorian Bennett.
LOS ANGELES CHARGERS — DT Josh Fuga Placed on IR undisclosed.
LOS ANGELES RAMS — RB Ryan